

SHSS ELIGIBILITY

Criteria: School Health Support Services (SHSS) are provided for students with multiple/high technical equipment needs and for students with medical and rehabilitation needs who are in a progressive state or at risk for deterioration without intervention. Service is provided at school during school hours to minimize disruption to the student's educational program.

To be eligible for service, the following criteria must be met:

- The student is enrolled as a pupil at a school (including a private school) or is receiving satisfactory instruction at home
- The student is an insured person under the *Health Insurance Act* (possesses a valid Health Card Number)
- The student is in need of at least one professional service (i.e. nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy or dietetic services) either a) to attend school, participate in school routines and receive instruction or b) to receive satisfactory instruction at home
- The school environment has the physical features necessary to enable the service to be provided
- The risk that the service provider will suffer serious physical harm while providing the service is not significant, or if significant, can be reduced to being no longer significant through reasonable steps taken by the service provider.

Determination of Eligibility

A Community Care Access Centre Care Coordinator is responsible for determining if a student is eligible for School Health Support Services. The school may request an eligibility assessment by a Care Coordinator once written parental consent to contact the SW CCAC has been obtained.

Service Delivery

The South West Community Care Access Centre health professionals provide service within a *consultation and teaching model*. Professionals teach school personnel, parents and students and make recommendations regarding health care needs. For acute, short-term conditions, speech pathologies, or medical conditions requiring ongoing treatments and/or surveillance for survival, *direct professional intervention* may be provided.

Cessation of Service

Services stop when:

- The student no longer meets the eligibility criteria for services
- Professional intervention is complete
- The student is not benefiting from the special health services

Appeal Procedure

The SWCCAC has a Service Decision Review Process for families/clients who wish to dispute the provision of service.