



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS

Accountability Waiver for the 2023-2024 SC READY Science Assessment

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Accountability Directors, District Testing Coordinators, Instructional Leaders

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Full implementation and assessment of the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 is scheduled for the 2023-2024 school year.

Due to the significant content changes in grades 4 and 6, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is applying for an accountability waiver from the United States Department of Education to allow for a year of field testing. This will allow the SCDE to have enough assessment items aligned to the 2021 standards to create an operational assessment in 2025. If the accountability waiver is granted, the assessment will count for participation only and no scores will be reported in 2024.

[Accountability Waiver for the 2023-2024 SC READY Science Assessment - Memo](#) PDF (125 KB)

CALENDAR

eLearning Days

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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Pursuant to 1A.65.(SDE-EIA: Digital Learning Plan) The implementation of the e-Learning program is the responsibility of the Department of Education. Districts that meet the criteria for an eLearning district as determined by the SCDE may use up to five eLearning days to

allow for the make-up of short-term disruptions to in-person teaching and learning interruptions (e.g., power outages, water main breaks).

[eLearning Days - Memo](#) PDF (209 KB)

MEDICAID

Medicaid Annual Eligibility Reviews

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) resumed its standard Medicaid eligibility annual reviews process April 1, 2023. Reviewing Medicaid members' eligibility at least annually is a federal requirement that was paused during most of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). As SCDHHS continues this process, it is asking SC school districts to further assist the agency in achieving its goal of ensuring people who are eligible for Medicaid remain covered.

[Medicaid Annual Eligibility Reviews - Memo](#) PDF (113 KB)

MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

DHEC Updates

For schools who are interested in receiving Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg for emergency use at no cost, please read the following:

DHEC is currently able to provide an initial two boxes of Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg (2 doses per box) to schools who adhere to the provisions provided in the SAVE ACT (South Carolina Code of Laws (59-63-95) LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/bills/4122.htm). Resupply upon usage or expiration will occur via DHEC based on supply availability at time of request and verification of submitted administration form.

In order to receive this product, the attached spreadsheet must be completed IN FULL for each school requesting a supply of Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg. The district may fill out this form for all participating schools in their district, assigning representatives who will be authorized to pick up for the district. Any omission from this form will delay or cause the school to be omitted from distribution. Please submit [completed spreadsheets](#) no later than August 9th to Laura Parks at parksln@dhec.sc.gov.

DHEC will be offering the following dates for pick up at its Columbia warehouse on August 16th, 17th or 18th. An appointment time is required. If you would like to request that another school or district, be able to pick up for your school or district, please note the pickup contact information on the spreadsheet when you submit it.

*Districts that authorize charter schools should communicate with their charters and if the charter wants to have Narcan stock, the district should include them on their spreadsheet.

** Private schools or charters that are part of a charter district can arrange with a nearby traditional district to pick up for them but must submit a spreadsheet and indicate the contact person and the district that will pick up for them on their spreadsheet

***ONLY schools and the listed associated representatives who have completed the form by August 9th will be authorized to pick up.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTING: If someone at your school or district administers a dose of Narcan Nasal Spray or another lifesaving medication authorized under the SC Code of Laws 59-63-95, please complete the following report and submit to DHEC promptly after the incident.

<https://sc.readyop.com/fs/4d6G/2e753156>

After the incident report has been filled out, a request to DHEC may be made for replacement kit(s) via the following form.

<https://sc.readyop.com/fs/4d6F/1c531d02>

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