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For the purposes of this questionnaire, "elementary school" refers to a school that contains any of grades K–5. "Middle school" refers to a school that contains any of grades 6–8. Some jurisdictions may refer to these schools as "junior high schools." "High school" refers to a school that contains any of grades 10–12. Some jurisdictions may refer to these schools as "senior high schools."

State Assistance to Districts and Schools

The first questions ask about state assistance to districts and schools.

1. During the past two years, did your state **develop, revise, or assist in developing** model policies, policy guidance, or other materials to inform district or school policy on each of the following topics?

	Yes	No
a. HIV infection or AIDS.....	1	2
b. Severe food or other allergies	1	2
c. Chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes, including chronic disease management, recognizing and responding to severe symptoms, or reducing triggers	1	2
d. Infectious disease prevention, for example influenza (flu) prevention	1	2
e. Foodborne illness prevention.....	1	2
f. Sending and keeping students home from school when they are sick.....	1	2
g. Closing school or dismissing students when the percentage of absent students or staff reaches a specified level	1	2
h. Student health records.....	1	2
i. Immunization requirements and exemptions	1	2
j. Tuberculosis testing	1	2
k. Screening for health-related conditions, such as hearing or vision problems.....	1	2
l. Screening for student weight status using body mass index (BMI)	1	2
m. Procedures for administering student medications or treatments.....	1	2
n. Linking students to community healthcare providers	1	2

Comment [Help1]: For the purposes of this question, a “model policy” is an example of what an actual policy on a particular topic or issue might address. The content might be based on scientific evidence, best practices, or state law or policy. Model policies are provided for districts or schools to consider when developing their own policies. They are recommendations, not mandates.

Comment [Help2]: HIV is human immunodeficiency virus.

Comment [Help3]: AIDS is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Comment [Help4]: This includes procedures for allowing students to carry and self-administer medications.

State Assistance to Districts and Schools

2. During the past two years, did your state distribute or **provide to district** or school staff **model policies**, policy guidance, or other materials to inform district or school policy on each of the following topics?

	Yes	No
a. HIV infection or AIDS	1	2
b. Severe food or other allergies	1	2
c. Chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes, including chronic disease management, recognizing and responding to severe symptoms, or reducing triggers	1	2
d. Infectious disease prevention, for example flu prevention	1	2
e. Foodborne illness prevention.....	1	2
f. Sending and keeping students home from school when they are sick.....	1	2
g. Closing school or dismissing students when the percentage of absent students or staff reaches a specified level	1	2
h. Student health records.....	1	2
i. Immunization requirements and exemptions	1	2
j. Tuberculosis testing	1	2
k. Screening for health-related conditions, such as hearing or vision problems.....	1	2
l. Screening for student weight status using body mass index (BMI)	1	2
m. Procedures for administering student medications or treatments	1	2
n. Linking students to community healthcare providers	1	2

Comment [Help5]: For the purposes of this question, a “model policy” is an example of what an actual policy on a particular topic or issue might address. The content might be based on scientific evidence, best practices, or state law or policy. Model policies are provided for districts or schools to consider when developing their own policies. They are recommendations, not mandates.

Comment [Help6]: HIV is human immunodeficiency virus.

Comment [Help7]: AIDS is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Comment [Help8]: This includes procedures for allowing students to carry and self-administer medications.

State Assistance to Districts and Schools

The next questions ask about technical assistance your state may have provided to district or school staff. Technical assistance refers to one-on-one, tailored guidance to meet the specific needs of the district or school that may be provided through phone, e-mail, Internet, or in-person meetings.

3. During the past 12 months, has your state provided **technical assistance** to district or school staff on...

	Yes	No
a. HIV infection or AIDS ?.....	1	2
b. Severe food or other allergies?	1	2
c. Chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes, including chronic disease management, recognizing and responding to severe symptoms, or reducing triggers?.....	1	2
d. Infectious disease prevention, for example flu prevention?	1	2
e. Foodborne illness prevention?	1	2
f. Sending and keeping students home from school when they are sick?	1	2
g. Closing school or dismissing students when the percentage of absent students or staff reaches a specified level?.....	1	2
h. Student health records?	1	2
i. Immunization requirements and exemptions?	1	2
j. Tuberculosis testing?	1	2
k. Screening for health-related conditions, such as hearing or vision problems?	1	2
l. Screening for student weight status using body mass index (BMI)?.....	1	2
m. Procedures for administering student medications or treatments ?.....	1	2
n. Linking students to community healthcare providers ?	1	2
o. Establishing a school-located vaccination clinic ?.....	1	2
p. Electronic systems to document student visits to the school nurse?.....	1	2
q. Electronic systems to document why students are absent?.....	1	2
r. Medicaid billing practices or Medicaid administrative claiming ?.....	1	2

Comment [Help9]: Technical assistance differs from professional development in that technical assistance tends to be less formal, more specific to an individual's needs, and shorter in duration.

Comment [Help10]: HIV is human immunodeficiency syndrome.

Comment [Help11]: AIDS is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Comment [Help12]: This includes procedures for allowing students to carry and self-administer medications.

Comment [Help13]: A school-located vaccination clinic is one that administers vaccinations on school property and is held before, during, or after school hours. Schools or school districts typically collaborate with outside organizations, such as local health departments, to provide these services.

Comment [Help14]: Federal reimbursement is available for the costs of Medicaid administrative services performed in the school setting. Examples of administrative activities include Medicaid outreach, facilitating Medicaid eligibility determinations, medical/Medicaid related trainings, and general administration.

State Assistance to Districts and Schools

(Q3 continued)

	Yes	No
s. State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) billing practices?	1	2
t. Private insurance billing practices?	1	2
u. Applying for grants to obtain funding for school health services?	1	2

Funding/Medicaid

The next question asks about funding for standard school health services in your state. For the purposes of this question, “standard” means services offered to all students.

4. In your state, how are standard health services for students funded?

MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- State budget.....1
- School district budgets.....2
- Medicaid3
- State Children’s Health Insurance
Program (SCHIP).....4
- Private insurance.....5
- Public grants.....6
- Private grants7
- Other8

The next question asks about schools in your state that serve as Medicaid providers by providing health services to students.

5. In your state, do any schools serve as Medicaid providers by providing **standard** health services to students?

- Yes1
- No.....2

Comment [Help15]: For the purposes of this question, “standard” means services offered to all students in your state.

Collaboration

The next questions ask about collaboration among health services staff and other staff in your state.

6. During the past 12 months, have state-level health services staff worked on school health services activities with state-level...

	Yes	No	No state-level staff in this area
a. Health education staff?	1	2	3
b. Physical education staff?	1	2	3
c. Child nutrition or nutrition services staff?	1	2	3
d. Mental health or social services staff?	1	2	3
e. Special education staff?	1	2	3

Comment [Help16]: For the purposes of this question, "worked on school health services activities with" means collaborated with on health services activities or worked with to coordinate health services activities.

7. During the past 12 months, have state-level health services staff worked on school health services activities with staff or members from...

	Yes	No
a. A state-level school nurses' association or organization?	1	2
b. A state-level physicians' organization, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics?	1	2
c. A state-level health organization, such as the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross?	1	2
d. A state-level parents' organization, such as the PTA?	1	2
e. The state health department?	1	2
f. The state mental health or social services agency?	1	2
g. The state juvenile justice department?	1	2
h. Colleges or universities?	1	2
i. Businesses?	1	2
j. The state child welfare agency?	1	2
k. A state-level dental association or organization?	1	2

Comment [Help17]: For the purposes of this question, "worked on school health services activities with" means collaborated with on health services activities or worked with to coordinate health services activities.

Comment [Help18]: PTA is Parent Teacher Association.

Evaluation

The next questions ask about different aspects of school health services programs that your state might have evaluated during the past two years.

8. During the past two years, has your state evaluated...

	Yes	No
a. School health services programs at the district or school level?	1	2
b. School health services policies?.....	1	2
c. School health services professional development or in-service programs?.....	1	2
d. Student use of school health services at the district or school level?	1	2
e. Student or family satisfaction with school health services at the district or school level?	1	2

Comment [Help19]: Such an evaluation might include the extent to which these services meet the needs of students and their families.

Data Reporting

The next questions ask about information that might be reported to a state agency.

9. Do districts or schools in your state report the following types of information to your state education agency or state health department?

	Yes	No
a. Student injury report data.....	1	2
b. Student immunization data	1	2
c. Student weight status data, such as body mass index (BMI).....	1	2
d. Notifiable diseases.....	1	2

Comment [Help20]: Notifiable diseases are, for example, measles or meningitis.

10. In your state, are there consequences for districts or schools that fail to comply with immunization requirements?

Yes	1
No.....	2

Comment [Help21]: Answer “yes” if districts or schools report this information to either a local or state health department.

11. Does your state have real-time access to student attendance or absenteeism information for all school districts in the state?

Yes	1	→SKIP TO Q13
No.....	2	

12. How often do districts or schools in your state submit information on student attendance or absenteeism to the state education agency?

Daily.....	1	
Weekly	2	
Monthly.....	3	
Quarterly	4	
Annually.....	5	
Only on designated days during the school year	6	
Other time frame	7	
Districts and schools do not submit information on student attendance or absenteeism.....	8	→SKIP TO Q14

Data Reporting

13. Do districts or schools in your state submit information to the state on the reasons for student absences?

Yes1

No.....2

14. Does your state recommend that districts or schools use a specified electronic system for reporting student attendance or absenteeism information?

Yes1

No.....2

Professional Development

The next questions ask about professional development that may have been offered to school nurses during the past two years. This might include workshops, conferences, continuing education, graduate courses, or any other kind of in-service.

15. During the past two years, has your state provided funding for or offered professional development to school nurses on...

	Yes	No
a. First aid?.....	1	2
b. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or use of automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment?	1	2
c. Administration of medications?.....	1	2
d. Seasonal influenza vaccine?	1	2
e. Immunizations other than seasonal influenza?	1	2
f. Identification or school-based management of acute illnesses?	1	2
g. Identification or school-based management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes?.....	1	2
h. Tracking of students with chronic health conditions?	1	2
i. Case management for students with chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes?.....	1	2
j. Case management for students with disabilities?	1	2
k. Sports physicals?.....	1	2
l. Oral health problems?	1	2
m. Administration of topical fluorides, such as mouthrinses, varnish, or supplements?.....	1	2
n. Dental sealants?	1	2
o. Prenatal care?	1	2
p. Identification, treatment of, or referral for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)?.....	1	2
q. Contraceptives?.....	1	2
r. Infectious disease prevention, for example hand hygiene or food safety?.....	1	2

Comment [Help22]: Professional development differs from technical assistance in that technical assistance tends to be less formal, more specific to an individual's needs, and shorter in duration.

Comment [Help23]: For the purposes of this question, "tracking" means keeping track of such things as symptoms at school, non-participation in physical education or activities, and absences due to chronic conditions.

Comment [Help24]: For the purposes of this question, "case management" means wide-ranging assistance such as helping the student access needed services, providing counseling and anticipatory guidance, briefing the student's family members about necessary care, and helping the student learn and implement self-management of his or her condition or disability.

Comment [Help25]: For the purposes of this question, "case management" means wide-ranging assistance such as helping the student access needed services, providing counseling and anticipatory guidance, briefing the student's family members about necessary care, and helping the student learn and implement self-management of his or her condition or disability.

Professional Development

16. During the past two years, has your state provided funding for or offered professional development to school nurses on...

	Yes	No
a. Nutrition and dietary behavior counseling?	1	2
b. Physical activity and fitness counseling?	1	2
c. Pregnancy prevention?	1	2
d. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention?	1	2
e. Other sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention?	1	2
f. Suicide prevention?	1	2
g. Tobacco use prevention?	1	2
h. Alcohol or other drug use prevention?	1	2
i. Violence prevention, for example bullying, fighting, or dating violence prevention?	1	2
j. Injury prevention and safety counseling?	1	2

17. During the past two years, has your state provided funding for or offered professional development to school nurses on...

	Yes	No
a. Teaching self-management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes?	1	2
b. Referrals for chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes?	1	2
c. Tobacco use cessation?	1	2
d. Alcohol or other drug use treatment?	1	2
e. Counseling after a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation?	1	2
f. Crisis intervention for personal problems?	1	2
g. Emergency preparedness?	1	2
h. Identification of emotional or behavioral disorders, such as anxiety, depression, or ADHD?	1	2
i. Counseling for emotional or behavioral disorders, such as anxiety, depression, or ADHD?	1	2
j. Stress management?	1	2
k. Weight management?	1	2
l. Identification of or referral for eating disorders?	1	2
m. HIV counseling, testing, and referral?	1	2
n. Identification of or referral for physical, sexual, or emotional abuse?	1	2

Comment [Help26]: For the purposes of this question, "crisis intervention for personal problems" means situations such as the death of a loved one or the loss of a home due to fire.

Comment [Help27]: For the purposes of this question, "emergency preparedness" means how to be ready for a natural disaster or other crisis situation.

Comment [Help28]: ADHD is attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Comment [Help29]: ADHD is attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Comment [Help30]: HIV is human immunodeficiency syndrome.

Professional Development

(Q17 continued)

	Yes	No
o. Identification of or referral for students with family problems, such as parental divorce, substance abuse, or violence?	1	2
p. After-school programs for students, such as supervised recreation?	1	2
q. Child care options for teen mothers?	1	2
r. Services specifically for gay, lesbian, or bisexual students?	1	2
s. Enrolling in WIC or accessing food stamps or food banks?.....	1	2
t. Securing temporary or permanent housing?	1	2
u. Enrolling in Medicaid or SCHIP ?	1	2
v. Accessing benefits for students with disabilities?	1	2
w. Job readiness skills programs ?.....	1	2
x. Infectious disease outbreak detection and response?.....	1	2
y. Federal laws that protect the privacy of student health information, for example HIPAA or FERPA ?.....	1	2
z. Accurately measuring student height and weight?	1	2
aa. Calculating student weight status using body mass index (BMI)?.....	1	2

Comment [Help31]: WIC is the Women, Infants, and Children’s Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Comment [Help32]: SCHIP is the State Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Comment [Help33]: Job readiness skills programs are programs that teach work-place behavior, writing a resume, interviewing skills, or other job-related skills.

Comment [Help34]: HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Comment [Help35]: FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The next question asks about professional development for teachers, administrators, and school staff other than school nurses.

18. During the past two years, has your state provided funding for or offered professional development to any teachers, administrators, or other school staff on...

	Yes	No
a. CPR or use of automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment?	1	2
b. HIV infection or AIDS ?.....	1	2
c. Severe food or other allergies?	1	2
d. Chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes, including chronic disease management, recognizing and responding to severe symptoms, or reducing triggers?.....	1	2
e. Infectious disease prevention, such as hand hygiene or food safety?.....	1	2

Comment [Help36]: CPR is cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Comment [Help37]: HIV is human immunodeficiency virus.

Comment [Help38]: AIDS is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

School-Based Health Centers

The following questions ask about health services offered at **school-based health centers**—that is, health centers on school property where enrolled students can receive primary care, including diagnostic and treatment services. These services are usually provided by a nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant. Some school-based health centers offer mental health and social services, which are usually provided by a psychologist, social worker, or other mental health or social services professional. In answering these questions, please do not include traveling or mobile health centers.

19. Currently, how many school-based health centers offer health services to students in your state?

_____ School-based health centers

20. Currently, how many school-based health centers offer mental health or social services to students in your state?

_____ School-based health centers

IF Q19 AND Q20 ARE BOTH 0, SKIP TO Q22.

21. In your state, how are school-based health center services for students funded?
MARK ALL THAT APPLY

State budget.....1
School district budgets.....2
Medicaid3
State Children’s Health Insurance
Program (SCHIP).....4
Private insurance.....5
Public grants.....6
Private grants7
Other8

Health Services Coordinator

22. Currently, does someone in your state oversee or coordinate school health services?
Yes1
No.....2 →That is the last question.
Thank you very much for taking
the time to complete this
questionnaire.

23. Are you this person?
Yes1
No.....2 →That is the last question.
Thank you very much for taking
the time to complete this
questionnaire.

24. Who do you work for?
MARK ALL THAT APPLY
State education agency.....1
State public health agency2
Other3

The last set of questions asks about your educational background.

25. Do you have an undergraduate degree?
Yes1
No.....2 →SKIP TO Q31

26. What did you major in?
MARK ALL THAT APPLY
Nursing.....1
Education2
Other (Specify).....3

27. Did you have an undergraduate minor?
Yes1
No.....2 →SKIP TO Q29

Health Services Coordinator

28. What did you minor in?

MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- Nursing.....1
- Education2
- Other (Specify).....3

29. Do you have a graduate degree?

- Yes1
- No.....2 →SKIP TO Q31

30. In what area or areas was your graduate work?

MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- Nursing.....1
- Education2
- Other (Specify).....3

31. Do you have...

- | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| a. An LPN's license? | 1 | 2 |
| b. An RN's license? | 1 | 2 |
| c. A CNP's license? | 1 | 2 |

Comment [Help39]: LPN is a licensed practical nurse.

Comment [Help40]: RN is a registered nurse.

Comment [Help41]: CNP is a certified nurse practitioner.

32. Do you have...

- | | Yes | No | N/A |
|--|-----|----|-----|
| a. A national school nurse certification from the National Board of Certification for School Nurses? | 1 | 2 | |
| b. A state school nurse certification? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. An ANCC certification? | 1 | 2 | |
| d. Any other certifications? (Specify) | 1 | 2 | |

Comment [Help42]: ANCC is the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this study.

If you would like more information about this study or would like clarification of any questions in this questionnaire, please call 800-287-1815.