Toileting Paraprofessional

Toileting Paraprofessional is a specific category of Health Paraprofessional. The IEP team may recommend paraprofessional services to provide either toilet training or toileting assistance:

**Toilet training** is a short-term instructional service that prepares a student for independence in toileting and may be recommended when a student has demonstrated all of the following:

- An inability to remain continent with regard to bodily functioning (e.g., wetting, soiling) during the school day and the physiological ability to do so;
- The cognitive ability to respond to a specific behavioral change program that schedules toileting and leads to independent toileting; and
- The physical ability to complete toileting tasks independently after receiving training.

**Toileting assistance** is appropriate for students who:

- Require help in transferring to or using toilets, commodes, or potties;
- Cannot adjust their clothing or complete related personal hygiene routines; and/or
- Cannot become continent due to physical or cognitive status and require assistance for diaper changing, etc.

Toileting assistance is generally programmatic in self-contained classes in specialized schools (i.e., D75). Where toileting assistance is programmatic, it need not be recommended as a Supplemental Aid/Service on the student’s IEP. However, it should be included elsewhere in the IEP, including in the Present Levels of Performance, Annual Goals and Short-Term Objectives and Benchmarks (as appropriate), and Management Needs.

An IEP-assigned Toileting Paraprofessional may be recommended if that is the only paraprofessional assistance that the student requires (i.e. if the student does not require a health paraprofessional, behavior support paraprofessional, or orientation and mobility paraprofessional) and if the staffing ratio within the student’s primary program is insufficient to meet this need. A student with multiple health related needs, including toileting issues that warrant an IEP-assigned paraprofessional, should be recommended for a Health Paraprofessional (i.e., no separate Toileting Paraprofessional recommendation is required and the Health Paraprofessional should also provide the toilet training or toilet assistance). IEP teams should review the guidance document Consideration for Recommending Toilet Training or Toileting Assistance.