

CASE RECOMMENDATION FORM

ECHO Session Date: 9/17/2025

Presenter: School Nurse

After a review of the case details from the ECHO Idaho – K12 Education: Section 504 session, and discussion of this student's case among the ECHO Community of Practice, the following suggestions have been made:

Summary:

A 13-year-old male student, new to the school this year, is transitioning from homeschooling to a public middle school setting for the first time. He has a medical diagnosis of Hemophilia A, which was identified at age 3. The student has a port-a-cath in place to receive weekly infusions at home. His parents have provided the school with appropriate medical documentation confirming the diagnosis and outlining his care needs.

Central Questions:

Does this student need a Section 504 plan, a health care plan, or both?

Recommendations:

For this student, either a Section 504 plan or an individual health care plan could be appropriate, depending on district policy and the student's evolving needs.

- **Assess injury awareness and response:** Determine whether the student can recognize and respond appropriately to physical injury. If not, classroom accommodations may be needed.
- **Consider activity restrictions:** Discuss approved activity levels with the parents and the student (e.g., no contact sports).
- **Team-based decision-making:** The planning process should be collaborative, involving parents, the student (because he's ~13 years of age), and school staff to determine the most appropriate support structure.
- **Port-a-cath considerations:** Acknowledge that some staff may be uncomfortable with the port-a-cath and provide clarity or reassurance in the plan as needed.
- **Flexibility in planning:** The student may begin with either a Section 504 plan or an individual health care plan depending on needs, with the possibility of transitioning between them over time.
- **School district policy matters:** School districts may differ. Some require a 504 plan for all students with medical conditions, while others may use individual health care plans. The final decision should align with district guidance and student needs.

Consider presenting a patient case at a future ECHO Idaho session.

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