

School-based Services Under IDEA vs. Medical-based Services

Who, What, When, Where, How

Similarities

OT, PT and SLP Providers in Schools, Homes and Clinics

- ☐ Perform assessment to determine the strengths and needs of the child
- ☐ Provide interventions to address the needs of the child
- ☐ Coach and empower parents, families and caregivers

Differences

School-based Services Under IDEA

Medical-based Services In Clinics, Homes or Hospitals

WHO is eligible?

- ☐ A child who is determined to be eligible for special education services

- ☐ A child with a diagnosis, and requires the expertise of OT, PT or SLP

WHAT is the focus of the service?

- ☐ Promote access to academics and participation in school activities

- ☐ Enhance function at home and in the community; address medical needs

WHEN is it the appropriate service?

- ☐ When the IEP team decides that OT, PT or SLP service is needed to help the child achieve their IEP goals

- ☐ When the therapist, family and/or physician, agrees on a plan of care that requires OT, PT or SLP services

WHERE is the service provided?

- ☐ In a location the child is expected to perform the task, including classroom, worksite, bathroom, lunchroom, etc.; separate location, if necessary

- ☐ In a clinic or hospital; at home or in the community

HOW is the service provided?

- ☐ Embedded in the actual school activity; via coaching, consultation, and collaboration; individual or group direct intervention, if necessary

- ☐ Individual or group direct intervention; via coaching, consultation, and collaboration; embedded in home activity for home care service