

Better Health & Wellness
2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding

The Collaborative Service Agreement between the staff of Better Health & Wellness and Newport Independent School District will have the following components:

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of individual counseling, case management, and community mentorship to students who are referred by the Newport Independent School District or its agents and qualify under Medicaid, private insurance and/or fee for service with Better Health & Wellness.
2. Better Health & Wellness therapists, case managers, and mentors will provide intake and on-going services to Newport Independent School District students in the school setting and the home and community-based settings.
3. Better Health & Wellness therapists and staff will be credentialed with their licensure boards and/or maintain appropriate credentials and qualifications per state regulations and provide copies of licenses and evidence of qualifications as requested.
4. Better Health & Wellness will ensure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of mental health professionals.
5. Better Health & Wellness will provide a list of therapists and/or other personnel and their role, who will be working with students in the Newport Independent School District, by the first day of school and updated if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
6. Better Health & Wellness will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc. as required by the Newport Independent School District for outside providers working with students in the district.
7. Better Health & Wellness will also provide services at one of their physical locations.
8. Better Health & Wellness will maintain confidentiality according to HIPAA standards.
9. During the term of this agreement, the Newport Independent School District agrees to:
 - i. Identify students for counseling, case management, and mentorship services.
 - ii. Collaborate with Better Health & Wellness staff on the individual referrals regarding student outcomes.
 - iii. Comply with FERPA standards.
 - iv. Provide a school or district liaison for questions and concerns from providers.
10. The Newport Independent School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by Better Health & Wellness.
11. The terms of this agreement are valid from 12/01/2025-07/31/2026. It is contingent on approval from the school district.
12. The following signatures confirm the above **Memorandum of Understanding**:

X _____
Better Health & Wellness, CEO Date

X _____
School Representative Date

