

Code No. 507.8R1 SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION

Some students who need special health services in order to participate in the educational program. These students will receive special health services in accordance with their individualized educational program or individualized health plan.

A. Definitions

"Assignment and delegation " - occurs when licensed health personnel, in collaboration with the education team, determine the special health services to be provided and the qualifications of individuals performing the health services. Primary consideration is given to the recommendation of the licensed health personnel. Each designation considers the student's special health service. The rationale for the designation is documented. If the designation decision of the team differs from the licensed health professional, team members may file a dissenting opinion.

"Co-administration " - the eligible student's participation in the planning, management and implementation of the student's special health service and demonstration of proficiency to licensed health personnel.

"Educational program " - includes all school curricular programs and activities both on and off school grounds.

"Education team " - may include the eligible student, the student's parent, administrator, teacher, licensed health personnel, and others involved in the student's educational program.

"Health assessment " - health data collection, observation, analysis, and interpretation relating to the eligible student's educational program.

"Health instruction " - education by licensed health personnel to prepare qualified designated personnel to deliver and perform special health services contained in the eligible student's health plan. Documentation of education and periodic updates are on file at school.

"Individual health plan " - the confidential, written, preplanned and ongoing special health service in the educational program. It includes assessment, planning, implementation, documentation, evaluation and a plan for emergencies. The plan is updated as needed and at least annually. The school nurse develops this written plan specific to the student.

"Licensed health personnel " - includes licensed registered nurse, licensed physician, and other licensed health personnel legally authorized to provide special health services and medications.

"Prescriber " - licensed health personnel legally authorized to prescribe special health services and medications.

"Qualified designated personnel " - persons instructed, supervised and competent in implementing the eligible student's health plan.

"Special health services " - includes, but is not limited to, services for eligible students whose health status (stable or unstable) requires:

Interpretation or intervention,

Administration of health procedures and health care, or

Use of a health device to compensate for the reduction or loss of a body function.

"Supervision " - the assessment, delegation, evaluation and documentation of special health services by licensed health personnel. Levels of supervision include situations in which licensed health personnel are:

- physically present.
- available at the same site.
- available on call.

B. Licensed health personnel will provide special health services under the auspices of the school. Duties of the licensed personnel include the duty to:

Participate as a member of the education team.

Provide the health assessment.

Plan, implement and evaluate the written individual health plan.

Plan, implement and evaluate special emergency health services.

Serve as liaison and encourage participation and communication with health service agencies and individuals providing health care.

Provide health consultation, counseling and instruction with the eligible student, the student's parent and the staff in cooperation and conjunction with the prescriber.

Maintain a record of special health services. The documentation includes the eligible student's name, special health service, prescriber or person authorizing, date and time, signature and title of the person providing the special health service and any unusual circumstances in the provision of such services.

Report unusual circumstances to the parent, school administration, and prescriber.

Assign and delegate to, instruct, provide technical assistance and supervise qualified designated personnel.

Update knowledge and skills to meet special health service needs.

C. Prior to the provision of special health services the following will be on file:

Completed form that contains description of health services prescribed, desired daily schedule of health services, medical provider's signature that orders the health services, parent's signature and any further instructions.

Written individual health plan or appropriate plan available in the health record and integrated into the IEP or IFSP.

D. The school nurse, in collaboration with the education team, will determine the special health services to be provided and the qualifications of individuals performing the special health services.

E. Licensed health personnel will instruct qualified designated personnel to deliver and perform special health services contained in the eligible individual health plan. Documentation of instruction and periodic updates are on file at school.

G. Parents will provide the usual equipment, supplies and necessary maintenance for special health care services. The equipment is stored in a secure area. The individual health plan will designate the role of the school, parents, and others in the provision, supply, storage and maintenance of necessary equipment.