DIABETES CARE

The Board shall ensure that each student enrolled in the District who has diabetes receives appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating practitioner. The diabetes care to be provided includes any of the following:

A. Checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels or assisting the student with checking and recording these levels;

B. Responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;

C. In the case of severe hypoglycemia, administering glucagon and other emergency treatments as prescribed;

D. Administering insulin or assisting the student in self-administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;

E. Providing oral diabetes medications;

F. Understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks in order to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the order of the student's treating practitioner;

G. Following the practitioner's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity;

H. Administering diabetes medication, as long as the conditions prescribed in the Board policy covering the administering of medication to students are satisfied.

Not later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes, the Board shall inform the student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student that the student may be entitled to a Section 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes.

Diabetes medication may be administered pursuant to this policy by a school nurse or, in the absence of a school nurse, a school employee who is trained in diabetes care pursuant to this policy. Medication that is to be administered pursuant to this policy may be kept in an easily accessible location.

To ensure that a student with diabetes receives proper diabetes care, the Board may provide training that complies with the guidelines developed under O.R.C. §3313.7110(D) to a school employee at each school attended by a student with diabetes. With respect to any training provided, all of the following apply:

A. The training shall be coordinated by a school nurse or, if the school does not employ a school nurse, a licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes who is approved by the school to provide the training.

B. The training shall take place prior to the beginning of each school year or, as needed, not later than fourteen (14) days after receipt by the Board of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes.

C. On completion of the training, the Board, in a manner it determines, shall determine whether each employee trained is competent to provide diabetes care.

D. The school nurse or approved licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes care shall promptly provide all necessary follow-up training and supervision to an employee who receives training.

The principal of a school attended by a student with diabetes or another school official authorized to act on behalf of the principal may distribute a written notice to each employee containing all of the following:

A. A statement that the school is required to provide diabetes care to a student with diabetes and is seeking employees who are willing to be trained to provide that care;

B. A description of the tasks to be performed;

C. A statement that participation is voluntary and that the District will not take action against an employee who does not agree to provide diabetes care;

D. A statement that training will be provided by a licensed health care professional to an employee who agrees to provide care;

E. A statement that a trained employee is immune from liability under O.R.C. §3313.7110(J);

F. The name of the individual who should be contacted if an employee is interested in providing diabetes care.

No employee of a Board shall be subject to a penalty or disciplinary action under school or District policies for refusing to volunteer to be trained in diabetes care. Employees shall not be discouraged from agreeing to provide diabetes care under this policy. The Board may provide training in the recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and actions to take in response to emergency situations involving these conditions to both of the following:

1. A school employee who has primary responsibility for supervising a student with diabetes during some portion of the school day; and

2. A bus driver employed by the Board who is responsible for the transportation of a student with diabetes.

A student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend the school the student would otherwise attend if the student did not have diabetes, and the diabetes care specified in this policy shall be provided at the school. A student who has diabetes shall not be restricted from attending the school on the basis that the student has diabetes, that the school does not have a full-time school nurse, or that the school does not have an employee trained in diabetes care. The school shall not require or pressure a parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student to provide diabetes care for the student with diabetes at school or school-related activities.

On written request of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student and authorization by the student's treating practitioner, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes in accordance with the order issued by the student's treating practitioner if the student's treating practitioner determines that the student is capable of performing diabetes care tasks. The student shall be permitted to perform diabetes care tasks in a classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-related activity, and to possess on the student's self at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform these tasks. If the student or the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student so requests, the student shall have access to a private area for performing diabetes care tasks. However, if the student performs any diabetes care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care, the Board may revoke the student's permission to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes.

A licensed health care professional shall be permitted to provide training to a school employee or to supervise the employee in performing diabetes care tasks. Nothing in this policy diminishes the rights of eligible students or the obligations of the District under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq*., Section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act," 29 U.S.C. 794, or the "Americans with Disabilities Act," 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq*.

A school employee shall not be subject to disciplinary action under school or District policies for providing care or performing duties under this policy.

Not later than the last day of December of each year, the Board shall report to the Department of Education both of the following:

1. The number of students with diabetes enrolled in the District during the previous school year; and
2. The number of errors associated with the administration of diabetes medication to students with diabetes during the previous school year.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.7112

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