

BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DIABETES CARE IN SCHOOLS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">210.2 DIABETES CARE IN SCHOOLS</p> <p>The terms of this policy are in place until November 9, 2016, or until the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Education, establishes and makes publicly available on its Internet website, educational modules and guidelines for the instruction of school employees in diabetes care and treatment; whichever date occurs first.</p>
1. Authority	<p>If the Superintendent so chooses, s/he or his/her designee will consult with the full-time school nurse assigned to each school building attended by a student with diabetes, to identify at least one school employee in the school building (“identified employee”), who is not the school nurse and is not a licensed health care practitioner, to administer diabetes medications, use monitoring equipment, and provide other diabetes care for a student with diabetes in the absence of a school nurse.</p> <p>The Superintendent may, but is not required to in the case where a student with diabetes attends a school that does not have a full-time nurse, consult with the school nurse assigned to that building, to identify at least one school employee in the school building, who is not the school nurse and is not a licensed health care practitioner, to administer diabetes medications, use monitoring equipment, and provide other diabetes care for a student with diabetes in the absence of a school nurse.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provisions of the education by a licensed health care practitioner in the administration of diabetes medications, use of monitoring equipment, and provision of other diabetes care, to identified employees.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>Diabetes medical management plan: A document describing the medical orders or diabetes regimen developed and signed by the student’s health care practitioner and parent or guardian.</p> <p>Health care practitioner: An individual who is authorized to practice some component of the healing arts by a license, permit, certificate or registration issued by a Commonwealth licensing agency or board.</p>

<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p>Identified employees: School employees who are not licensed health care practitioners and are identified to be responsible for a student with diabetes in the absence of a school nurse.</p> <p>Individualized Educational Plan (IEP): A written statement for each student with a disability that is developed, reviewed, or revised in a meeting in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Pennsylvania School Code Chapter 14.</p> <p>Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP): A plan of action to meet the healthcare needs of a student during the school day.</p> <p>Service agreement: A student's Section 504 service agreement pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Pennsylvania School Code Chapter 15.</p> <p>A parent or guardian of a student with diabetes who desires that the student receive diabetes-related care and treatment must provide the student's school with written authorization for the care and instructions from the student's health care practitioner, consistent with Policy 210 and this policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required authorizations may be submitted as part of a student's service plan, IEP, IHP, or diabetes medical management plan. 2. All diabetes-related care provided to a student must be consistent with the school health program established by the Board and any accommodations in a student's service plan, IEP, IHP, or diabetes medical management plan. 3. A student's service plan, IEP, IHP, or diabetes medical management plan may require a school entity to provide the driver of a school bus or school vehicle, who provides transportation to a student with diabetes, with an information sheet that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identifies the student with diabetes; b. Identifies potential emergencies that may occur as a result of the student's diabetes and the appropriate responses to such emergencies; and c. Provides the telephone number of a contact person in case of an emergency involving the student with diabetes. <p>Until the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Education, establishes educational modules and guidelines for the instruction of identified employees in diabetes care and treatment, and makes the modules available on its publicly accessible Internet website, an identified employee must furnish proof to the Superintendent or designee of completion of education offered by a licensed</p>
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	<p>health care practitioner with expertise in the care and treatment of diabetes, before the identified employee is permitted to administer diabetes medications, use monitoring equipment, and provide other diabetes care for a student with diabetes in the absence of a school nurse. The proof that must be furnished by the identified employee must certify that the identified employee received education by a licensed health care practitioner that included a review of the responsibilities and instruction in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An overview of all types of diabetes; 2. Means of monitoring blood glucose; 3. The symptoms and treatment for blood glucose levels outside of target ranges as well as symptoms and treatment for hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, and other potential emergencies; and 4. Techniques on administering glucagon and insulin; and 5. Student and school-specific training by a District school nurse relative to the needs of diabetic students in the school needing diabetic care and/or medication and the school-specific policies and expectations regarding the same. <p>Identified employees have the right to decline the responsibility and related directives.</p> <p>Identified employees who furnish proof to the Superintendent or designee of completion of education by a licensed health care practitioner in the administration of diabetes medications, use of monitoring equipment, and provision of other diabetes care may be designated in a student's service agreement or IEP to administer diabetes medications, use monitoring equipment, and provide other diabetes care, if they consent to such responsibility.</p> <p>An identified employee shall only be authorized to administer diabetes medications via injection or infusion to a student with diabetes if the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identified employee has furnished to the Superintendent or designee proof of completion of education by a licensed health care practitioner in the administration of diabetes medications, use of monitoring equipment, and provision of other diabetes care; 2. Student's health care practitioner has provided the school with written authorization that a school employee who furnishes proof to the Superintendent of completion of diabetic care and medication training, who is not a licensed health care practitioner, may administer specified medications; and
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	<p>3. Student's parent or guardian has provided the school with written authorization that a school employee who furnishes proof to the Superintendent of completion of diabetic care and medication training, who is not a licensed health care practitioner, may administer specified medications.</p> <p>The policy does supersede any other statute or regulation restricting the functions that may be performed by persons other than licensed health care practitioners.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Rehabilitation Act, Section 504, Public Law 93-112, 29 U.S.C. § 794</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et. seq.</p> <p>Health Care Facilities Act, Section 103, Public Law 130, No. 48</p> <p>24 P.S. § 1401</p> <p>24 P.S. § 1413.3</p> <p>24 P.S. § 1414.4</p> <p>75 P.S. § 102</p> <p>22 Pa. Code Chapter 14</p> <p>22 Pa. Code Chapter 15</p>
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