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ANNOUNCEMENT TO CHARTER SCHOOLS AUTHORIZED BY
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School Requirements for Health Services

Schools WITH OR WITHOUT nurses are obligated to provide nursing and health related services and follow State and Federal Laws for compliance with (including but not limited to):

1. Services related to compliance with IEPs, 504 plans, and Individual Health Plans (IHPs)
2. Administering medicine
3. DEHEC 45-day immunization report

Each school should develop policies and protocol for health services and chronic disease management. This includes schools with nurses and schools without nurses.

IDEA / 504 / IHPs

Even if schools do not employ a school nurse, they must comply with Federal laws including IDEA and 504. There are many times when nursing services are built into IDEA and 504 compliance including Individual Health Care (IHP) plans.

Many times, compliance with dates and deadlines is required in these services and plans. Schools must comply with these dates and deadlines.

Examples where nursing services could be required at the school level are students with diabetes, students with inhalers, students with epi-pens, students with seizure disorders, and students with sickle cell. These are just a few examples.

Schools must also arrange to cover these services during extracurricular activities including but not limited to:

- Field trips
- Sports
- School related activities and events

Administering Medicine

Only with training from a school nurse and with available supervision by the school nurse can an unlicensed faculty/staff administer medicine. This includes:

Over the counter medication, routine medication, and emergency medication

**Schools are not permitted to require parents to administer any type of medication (including above) at the school.

**If you have a school nurse, you can expand the capacity of coverage for administering medication at the school.

DEHEC 45-day Immunization Report (DEHEC Regulation 61-8)

School principals are required to submit this report

Students without required immunizations are not permitted to attend school.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE ATTENDANCE. A. No child or person shall be admitted to or retained in any public, private, or parochial school, grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), or any public or private childcare facility as defined in Code Section 63-13-20 without a valid South Carolina Certificate of Immunization. To be valid, the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization must be signed by a licensed physician or his/her authorized representative. Exemptions to this requirement are authorized in Section II of this regulation

III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Forty five (45) calendar days after the beginning of each school year, school principals must submit to the local health department, on forms provided by the Department, the numbers of students admitted to school with South Carolina Medical Exemptions, South Carolina Certificates of Religious Exemption, and South Carolina Certificates of Special Exemption as provided in Section II of this regulation.

Additional School Level Reporting

- Flu Outbreak Reporting
- Schools with Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Schools with AED are required to have a licensed healthcare provider to manage the reporting.

Recommended Routine Screenings for all Students

Hearing and Vision

Dental

Lice Management

BMI

Wellness

Transitioning students with chronic disease to independence