



POLICY 5.3212

5-A I recommend the Board approve the proposed revised Policy 5.3212, entitled "Blood Glucose Monitoring."

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- This amendment specifies that principals and 504 designees will receive annual training on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including (but not limited to) diabetes.

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BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING

- 1 Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § ~~232.465(2)(c)~~ 1006.062(4)(c), students with diabetes
2 mellitus (insulin-dependent or non-insulin-dependent) or recurrent hypoglycemia
3 have the right to monitor their blood sugar levels, or to have such levels monitored,
4 during the school day as ordered by their physician.
- 5 2. The purpose of blood glucose monitoring is to obtain information needed for
6 appropriate decisions regarding the balance of insulin, food, and exercise for the
7 student.
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- 9 3. Parents/guardians have the responsibility to notify the school administration in
10 advance, pursuant to Board Policy 5.321, that their child will use a glucose
11 monitoring device. Each student who will use a monitoring device has the
12 responsibility of showing it to his/her teachers and school administrators at the
13 beginning of the school year (or later time corresponding with beginning to use the
14 device at school), and the device should be labeled with the student's name and
15 other information consistent with Policy 5.321.
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- 17 4. The Superintendent shall annually direct school principals to notify assistant
18 principals and teachers of the students who will use glucose monitoring devices in
19 their school. Applicable personnel are to be trained, as deemed appropriate by the
20 Superintendent, concerning identification of blood glucose monitoring devices.
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- 22 5. The student, school nurse, or other personnel trained pursuant to section (7)
23 below, will perform the monitoring. If a student will perform the monitoring, he or
24 she shall be assessed by the school nurse for adequate knowledge and skill in all
25 aspects of blood glucose monitoring. Students performing self-monitoring shall be
26 under the supervision of the school nurse or other personnel trained according to
27 section (7) below.
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- 29 6. The school principal/designee shall identify at least two personnel to be trained in
30 accordance with section (7) herein, as backup for the school nurse in order to
31 supervise and/or perform monitoring of blood glucose for students with diabetes or
32 recurrent hypoglycemia.
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- 34 7. Nonmedical school district personnel shall be allowed to perform or assist with
35 blood glucose monitoring as a health-related service pursuant to Fla. Stat. §
36 ~~232.465(2)~~ 1006.062(4), upon successful completion of child-specific training by a
37 Florida-licensed registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician (M.D. or D.O.), or
38 physician assistant. The school nurse will supervise and assess the proficiency of
39 nonmedical school staff who receive such training.
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46 8. As required by Fla. Stat. § ~~232.465(2)~~ 1006.062(4), all blood-glucose monitoring
47 procedures shall be monitored periodically by a Florida-licensed registered nurse,
48 nurse practitioner, physician (M.D. or D.O.), or physician assistant.
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50 9. The schedule for a student's glucose monitoring in school should closely follow the
51 monitoring schedule used at home. The student's individualized health care plan
52 ("IHCP") and/or Section 504 Modification Plan ("504 plan") should specify when
53 regular monitoring is to occur and when symptoms would indicate the need for
54 additional monitoring.
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56 10. The most appropriate setting for the glucose monitoring will, in many cases, be the
57 school health room. Students in grades three and higher who demonstrate
58 capability and maturity may monitor or be monitored in a supportive classroom
59 situation. The location and method of monitoring such glucose levels, including
60 safe disposal of sharps/lancets, shall be determined by a joint decision of the
61 school principal/designee and the school nurse, with input from the student, the
62 student's parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student's physician or other licensed
63 healthcare provider.
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65 11. The IHCP and the 504 plan will address emergency care procedures for individual
66 diabetic students and will contain a detailed description of the method of response.
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68 12. Consistent with Fla. Stat. § ~~232.46(2)~~ 1006.062(2) and Board Policy 5.321, there
69 shall be no liability for civil damages as a result of monitoring of student blood
70 glucose levels when the person performing or supervising such monitoring acts as
71 an ordinarily prudent person would have acted under the same or similar
72 circumstances.
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74 13. School principals and 504 designees will receive annual training on Section 504 of
75 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such training will include, but not be limited to,
76 diabetes.
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78 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §§ ~~230.22(2); 230.23(22); 232.46;~~ 1001.41(2); 1006.062,
79 Fla. Stat.
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81 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: §§ ~~230.23(6); Section 230.232.46(2); 232.465;~~ 1001.42(6)(a);
82 1006.062, Fla. Stat.
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84 HISTORY: 8/5/02; / /04

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 5.3212 and finds it legally sufficient for development.

Attorney

Date