

ARTICLE 17

SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE

A. Definition:

Specialized health care is defined as those procedures needing to be performed (routinely (not generally reoccurring)) during the school day by school staff trained by the supervising school nurse following the Specialized Health Care Protocol developed by the supervising school nurse specific to the student.

B. Stipend:

The Specialized Health Care Stipend is \$1,500 per school year, prorated for months services were performed.

C. Any unit member serving a student requiring specialized health care procedures during regular school hours will receive training and ongoing direct/indirect supervision by the licensed/credentialed school nurse prior to being expected to perform any procedure. Any procedure requiring licensed medical personnel will not be done by school staff not appropriately licensed to do so.

Examples of specialized health care procedures that might be done by a para-educator after appropriate training by the school nurse include, but are not limited to:

- Gastrostomy tube feeding without medication
- Nebulizer treatment
- Use of inhaler with spacer
- Medication administration other than by mouth
- Glucagon injection
- Blood glucose testing
- Bladder catheterization using non sterile technique

D. All staff who request to be trained on acute medication administration will be trained. This includes rectal and nasal seizure medications and epi-pens.

E. In the event that a person has received information and training and he/she expresses apprehension regarding a specialized health care procedure, that person may choose to notify their immediate supervisor and other alternatives will be explored. In the event a unit member currently receiving the Specialized Health Care Stipend refuses to provide the specialized health care procedures, the stipend will be forfeited. When

the specialized health care procedures are no longer required due to changes in student needs, the Specialized Health Care Stipend will be removed.

- F. For a student needing any specialized health care, a designated trained unit member will administer/perform medical needs of the student. If a trained employee administers acute medication they will receive a one-time stipend of \$50.00 per occurrence.