

ARTICLE 19

SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE

- A. 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.
- B. Specialized health care is defined as those procedures needing to be performed 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. **Any procedure requiring licensed medical personnel will not be done by school staff not appropriately licensed to do so.** The credentialed school nurse has the decision-making authority, administrative support, supervisory responsibility and necessary resources to ensure safe care for students.
- C. The administration of rectal gel medication for the control of acute repetitive or prolonged seizures in students at school and during school-related activities shall only be a function performed by a credentialed school nurse.
- D. In the event that a unit member has received information and training regarding a medical procedure that he/she is asked to do and the unit member expresses apprehension regarding a specialized health care procedure, the unit member may choose to notify their immediate supervisor. Other alternatives will be explored without negative consequences to the unit member.

- E. Before placing a student with specialized health care needs, or an existing student's needs change, the unit member will be included in a collaborative planning meeting that may include current staff and/or any previous staff. In the event a unit member declines to perform specialized health care procedures, a plan shall be developed in the planning meeting, for interim placement, for the student's care. Special consideration(s) may be, but not limited to, the following: one-on-one paraeducator assignment, school nurse or LVN support, parental support, etc.
- F. Examples of specialized health care procedures that might be done by a unit member after acceptance and appropriate training by the school nurse may include, but are not limited to:
1. Gastrostomy tube feeding without medication
 2. Nebulizer treatment
 3. Use of inhaler with spacer
 4. Simple bladder catheterization using non-sterile techniques with no manual extraction
 5. Blood glucose testing
 6. Medication administration by mouth
 7. Medication administration other than by mouth
 - a. Glucagon injection
 - b. EpiPen injection