

CARE FOR STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

The Board of Education shall ensure that each student enrolled in the Cleveland Municipal School District who has diabetes receives appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating physician. The diabetes care to be provided includes any of the following:

- (a) Checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels or assisting the student with checking and recording these levels;
- (b) Responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;
- (c) In the case of severe hypoglycemia, administering glucagon and other emergency treatments as prescribed;
- (d) Administering insulin or assisting the student in self-administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;
- (e) Providing oral diabetes medications;
- (f) Understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks in order to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the student's physician's order;
- (g) Following the physician's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity;
- (h) Administering diabetes medication, in compliance with Ohio law.

The student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student shall be informed no later than fourteen days after receipt of an order signed by the treating physician that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes.

On the written request of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student and authorization by the student's treating physician, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes in accordance with the student's physician's order during regular school hours and school-sponsored activities if the student's treating physician determines that the student is capable of performing diabetes care tasks.

The student shall be permitted to perform diabetes care tasks in a classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-related activity, and to possess on the student's self at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform these tasks. If the student or the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student so requests, the student shall have access to a private area for performing diabetes care tasks.

If the student performs any diabetes care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care, the student's permission to attend to the care and management of his or her diabetes may be revoked.

A student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend the school the student would otherwise attend if the student did not have diabetes and the diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating physician shall be provided at the school. A student who has diabetes shall not be restricted from attending the school on the basis that the student has diabetes, that the school does not have a full-time school nurse, or that the school does not have an employee trained in diabetes care. The school shall not require or pressure a parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student to provide diabetes care for the student with diabetes at school or school-related activities.

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