STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

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The Individuals Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) gives children with disabilities the legal right to be educated in public schools. With the advances in health care and technology, greater opportunities exist for children with special health care needs to attend school, bringing medically fragile students into the general school population. The incidence of chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe allergies, and seizure disorders in school-age children is increasing and complex medical problems that were previously handled in acute care settings are now being managed in the school setting.

Resources and information on how school nursing services and/or specialized health care services may support the educational needs of children with disabilities include:

Chronic Health Conditions Managed by School Nurses

The Role of the School Nurse and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHP)

Comparison of 504, IEPs, IHPs and EAPs

Additional School Health Services Resources:

Chronic Disease Management in the School Setting

Some children with disabilities, chronic and/or acute health conditions require specialized health services to ensure their safety in the school environment as well as inclusion in education programs. These services may be provided by a licensed registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), licensed practical nurse (LPN) or physician (MD) with a current license in Kentucky or by unlicensed Kentucky public school personnel who have been trained, delegated and are supervised according to KRS 156.502. These specialized health services may include: “medication administration, maintenance, or health care through the use of medical equipment; or the administration of clinical procedure. “ (KRS 156.502 and 702 KAR 1:160)

Resources for the management of acute/chronic health conditions in the school setting include:

Kentucky Department of Education Medication Administration Training Manual for Non-Licensed School Personnel

United States Department of Agriculture (2001) Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs, Figure 1 should be completed for children with special dietary requirements (p.34)

Kentucky Department of Education (2011) Transporting Oxygen on School Buses


Asthma

KY Creating Asthma Friendly Schools Resource Guide

NASN Resources

Asthma Control: Are You Doing YOUR Part? - School Nurses and School-based Asthma Management


Asthma Information for Schools/Child Care

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Allergy and Anaphylaxis

NASN Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis

NSBA Food Allergy Policy Guide

Tips for Managing Food Allergies

Anaphylaxis Network School Guidelines

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Bed Bugs

Cabinet for Health and Family Services – Bed Bugs

Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department – Bed Bugs

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Crohn’s Disease

Crohn’s and Colitis, A Guide for Teachers and Other School Personnel

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Diabetes

NASN Tools and Resources – Diabetes in Children

NASN – Diabetes Management in the School Setting

Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel

**Epilepsy (Seizures)**

- Epilepsy Foundation - First Aid for Seizures
- Epilepsy Foundation – Managing Seizures at School
- Epilepsy Classroom Resources
- Epilepsy Foundation – Living with Epilepsy for Educators
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Epilepsy Training

**Head Lice**

- NASN - Head Lice Resources
- CDC – Head Lice in Schools
- American Academy of Pediatrics – Head Lice
- FDA Treating Head Lice