

v. Provision of written notification to the parent stating approval or disapproval of the student's participation in athletics based upon the medical report;

vi. Direction for professional duties of other medical staff;

vii. Written standing orders that shall be reviewed and reissued before the beginning of each school year;

viii. Establishment of standards of care for emergency situations and medically related care involving students and school staff;

ix. Assistance to the certified school nurse or non-certified nurse in conducting health screenings of students and staff and assistance with the delivery of school health services;

x. Review, as needed, of reports and orders from a student's medical home regarding student health concerns;

xi. Authorization of tuberculin testing for conditions outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(c);

xii. Review, approval or detail of reasons for denial of a student's physician's determination of anticipated confinement and resulting need for home instruction; and

xiii. Consultation with the school district certified school nurse(s) to obtain input for the development of the school Nursing Services Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1.

(b) The district board of education shall employ a certified school nurse to provide nursing services while school is in session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 and 3.3.

1. The certified school nurse shall work under the direction of the school physician and chief school administrator.

2. The certified school nurse shall possess an educational certificate for school nurse or school nurse/non-instructional pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.3 and 13.4.

3. The certified school nurse shall possess a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing and valid, current Providers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other entities determined by the Department of Health and Senior Services to comply with the American Heart Association's CPR guidelines.

4. The certified school nurse shall receive training in airway management and in the use of nebulizers and inhalers consistent with nationally recognized standards including, but not limited to, those of the National Institutes of

Health and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

5. The role of the certified school nurse shall include, but not be limited to:

i. Carrying out written orders of the medical home and standing orders of the school physician;

ii. Conducting health screenings which include height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision and scoliosis pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 and monitoring vital signs and general health status for emergent issues for students suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and controlled dangerous substances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4;

iii. Maintaining student health records, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;

iv. Recommending to the school principal those students who shall not be admitted to or retained in the school building based on a parent's failure to provide evidence of the child's immunization according to the schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4;

v. Annually reviewing student immunization records to confirm with the medical home that the medical condition for the exemption from immunization continues to be applicable, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3;

vi. Recommending to the school principal exclusion of students who show evidence of communicable disease, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7 and 8;

vii. Directing and supervising the emergency administration of epinephrine and training school staff designated to serve as delegates, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.6;

viii. Administering asthma medication through use of a nebulizer;

ix. Directing and supervising the health services activities of any school staff to whom the certified school nurse has delegated a nursing task;

x. Classroom instruction in areas related to health pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.3;

xi. Reviewing and summarizing available health and medical information regarding the student and transmitting a summary of relevant health and medical information to the Child Study Team for the meeting pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4(h);

xii. Writing and updating, at least annually, the individualized health care plan and the individualized emergency healthcare plan for students' medical needs and instructing staff as appropriate;

xiii. Writing and updating, at least annually, any written healthcare provisions required under Section 504 of

the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794(a), for any student who requires them;

xiv. Implementing and assisting in the development of healthcare procedures for students in the event of an emergency;

xv. Instructing teachers on communicable disease and other health concerns, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3; and

xvi. Providing other nursing services consistent with the nurse's educational services certification endorsement as a school nurse issued by the State Board of Examiners and current license approved by the State Board of Nursing.

(c) A certified school nurse who possesses the school nurse/non-instructional certificate is not authorized to teach in areas related to health pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.4.

(d) School districts may appoint a noncertified nurse under the supervision of a certified school nurse to supplement the services of a certified school nurse as outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.3.

1. The noncertified nurse shall be assigned to the same school building or complex as the certified school nurse pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.3.

2. A noncertified nurse shall possess a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing and a valid, current Providers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/AED certification as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other entities determined by the Department of Health and Senior Services to comply with American Heart Association CPR guidelines.

3. A noncertified nurse is limited to providing the following services:

i. Carrying out written orders of the medical home and standing orders of the school physician;

ii. Conducting health screenings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 which includes height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision and scoliosis;

iii. Maintaining student health records, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;

iv. Recommending to the school principal those students who shall not be admitted to or retained in the school building based on a parent's failure to provide evidence of the student's immunization according to the schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4;

v. Recommending to the school principal exclusion of students who show evidence of communicable disease, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7 and 8;

vi. Implementing school district healthcare procedures for students in the event of an emergency;

vii. Instructing teachers on communicable disease and other health concerns, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3; and

viii. Providing other nursing services consistent with the nurse's current license approved by the State Board of Nursing.

Amended by R.2002 d.134, effective May 6, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 355(a), 34 N.J.R. 1667(a).

In (e), amended N.J.A.C. reference; added (g) and (h).

Repeal and New Rule, R.2006 d.366, effective October 16, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 2294(a), 38 N.J.R. 4411(c).

Section was "Required school health services".

Amended by R.2007 d.184, effective June 4, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 294(a), 39 N.J.R. 2243(a).

In (d)3viii, deleted "educational services certification endorsement as a school nurse issued by the State Board of Examiners and" following "nurse's".

Case Notes

School board did not violate N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.3 by hiring a school health aide who did not hold a school nurse endorsement since no requirement existed that a school nurse be in a school building at all times during which a non-certified nurse was performing supplemental services to the certified school nurse. *Ramsey Teachers Ass'n v. Board of Educ. of Ramsey*, 382 N.J. Super. 241, 888 A.2d 499, 2006 N.J. Super. LEXIS 2 (App.Div. 2006).

6A:16-2.4 Required student health records

(a) Each school district shall maintain student health records for each student, which include the following mandated records:

1. Findings of health histories, medical examinations and health screenings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 and 4.3; and

2. Documentation of immunizations against communicable diseases or exemption from these immunizations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.

(b) Each school district shall document the findings of student health histories, health screenings and required medical examinations that are relevant to school participation on the student health record using a form approved by the Commissioner of Education.

(c) The school district shall maintain student health records in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.4 as follows:

1. Student health records shall be maintained separately from other student records in a secure location;

2. Student health records kept in electronic form shall be both accessible and secure according to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.4(d);

3. Student health records shall be located in the school building or complex to which the student is assigned;