

Guidelines for the Use of Volunteer Health Care Practitioners During School-Sponsored Extra-Curricular Activities

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The purpose of Florida Statute 381.00593, the “Public School Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Act,” is to establish a public school volunteer health care practitioner program with incentives and coordinate the program with the “School Health Services Act,” pursuant to s.381.0056, in order to encourage health care practitioners to provide their services, without compensation, in the public schools; and such program is intended to complement other programs designed to provide health services or increase the level of health care in the public schools.

The following health care practitioners, licensed under relevant State statutes, may volunteer their professional services to assist students with medication administration during school-sponsored extra-curricular activities:

- Physician
- Osteopathic physician
- Chiropractic physician
- Podiatric physician
- Advanced registered nurse practitioner
- Registered nurse
- Licensed practical nurse
- Pharmacist

Other health care practitioners may volunteer to provide other health-related services, if needed.

To volunteer under this program, the Principal shall ensure that the health care practitioner meets the following requirements, as verified using a documentation checklist:

1. Have a valid, active license to practice his or her profession in this state
 - a. To be verified by Director, Health Services
2. Submit fingerprints and complete Level 2 background screening in accordance with District procedures
3. Have current CPR certification from a nationally recognized organization
4. Submit a signed Statement of Confidentiality to the high school Activities Coordinator or a designated middle school Administrator
5. Complete orientation to applicable District medication administration procedures with the school nurse
6. Assist in preparation of medications and review of student Medication Authorization forms at least one week prior to any District activities for which he or she is volunteering

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In those situations where a school may wish to contract with a licensed health care practitioner through an agency, hospital, or as an independent contractor, to provide health-related services during school-sponsored extra-curricular activities, the following process shall be followed:

1. School shall complete and submit an “Educational Consultant Agreement” per District procedures.
2. The cost of services to be provided shall be determined between the individual school and the practitioner working as an independent contractor.
3. The cost of such services shall be the responsibility of the individual school.
4. Outside funding to cover the full or partial cost of such services may be sought.
5. The practitioner must submit fingerprints and complete Level 2 background screening in accordance with District procedures. The cost of background screening will be waived for SY 2017-18.
6. The individual school must provide the following information, regarding the health care practitioner to Student Support Services at the time the Educational Consultant Agreement is submitted for approval:
 - a. Practitioner’s full name
 - b. Practitioner’s Florida license type and number
 - c. Signed Statement of Confidentiality
 - d. Documentation of current CPR certification from a nationally recognized organization
7. The practitioner must complete orientation to applicable District medication administration procedures with the school nurse
8. The practitioner must assist in the preparation of medications and review of student Medication Authorization forms at least one week prior to any District activities for which he or she is contracted.