



Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services by Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant

Information to Parents: The health and safety of each student is of paramount importance to every Allen ISD employee. The District is committed to providing a high level of care to accommodate any special medical needs for which students may require assistance while at school. To help carry out that commitment, Allen ISD ensures that a Registered Nurse is assigned to each campus. The 79th Texas Legislature, through House Bill 984, amended the Health and Safety Code to provide more specific requirements for the provision of diabetes management and care services to students in public schools. For each student who seeks care for diabetes at school, the school, following a doctor's Diabetes Management and Treatment plan, will, in conjunction with the parents, develop an Individualized Health Care Plan. Traditionally, the school nurse has provided any medical care students might require at school. Under HB 984, each school also must train other employees to serve as Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistants (UDCA) who can provide diabetes management and care services if a nurse is not available. Such services include the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon. Allen ISD has trained staff at each school to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant exercises his or her judgment and discretion in providing diabetes care services and that nothing in the statute limits the immunity from liability afforded to employees under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

Under HB 984, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

Please check the appropriate boxes below to indicate your election whether to allow an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide services to your child as needed.

- YES Agreement for Services:** I authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 for the Texas Education Code.
- NO I Do Not** authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand that if the school nurse is not available and my student needs assistance with their diabetes management, I will come to the school to assist them. I further understand that the school will provide emergency care as needed up to and including accessing the 911 system if needed.

STUDENT NAME (Please Print)

SCHOOL

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date Signed

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian (Please Print)