

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

Washington State Task Force for
Students with Diabetes



Dr. Terry Bergeson
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction



May 2005

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

Washington State Task Force for Students with Diabetes

Prepared by
Gayle Thronson
Health Services Program Supervisor

In Partnership with the Washington State Task Force for Students with Diabetes
Teresa Gauthier
Chief Editor

Learning and Teaching Support
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Martin Mueller, Director

Dr. Terry Bergeson
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Marty S. Daybell
Deputy Superintendent, Administration and Operations
Chief Information Officer

Marcia L. Riggers
Assistant Superintendent, Student Support and Operations

May 2005

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Old Capitol Building
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

For more information about the contents
of this document, please contact:
Gayle Thronson, OSPI
E-mail: gthronson@ospi.wednet.edu
Phone: 360.725.6040

To order more copies of this document,
please call 1-888-59-LEARN (1-888-595-3276)
or visit our Web site at <http://www.k12.wa.us/publications>

Please refer to the document number below for quicker service:
05-0013

This document is available online at:
<http://www.k12.wa.us/>

This material is available in alternative format upon request.
Contact the Resource Center at 888-595-3276, TTY 360-664-3631.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

Washington State Task Force for Students with Diabetes

DISCLAIMER

In 1998, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) joined together to create the Washington State Task Force for Students with Diabetes (WSTFSD). They recruited a number of persons from a variety of areas including physicians, diabetes educators, nurses at schools, hospitals and medical offices, dietitians, representatives from the Washington State Attorney General's Office and the Office for Civil Rights, a parent, psychologist, and school administrator. This document represents the outcomes of many meetings in which the suggested guidelines have been negotiated and does not represent the specific opinion of any individual or any institution in which they have been either previously employed or are employed at the present time.

Information in these Guidelines is provided as a courtesy by the WSTFSD. The Guidelines as posted on the OSPI Web site are provided as a courtesy by facilities that were part of the WSTFSD, specifically Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center (Children's), Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center (MBCHC), and Woodinville Pediatrics, and their related organizations. The Guidelines are posted on the OSPI Web site with the understanding that WSTFSD, Children's, MBCHC, and Woodinville Pediatrics **are not** rendering medical advice or other professional services for the readers. The Guidelines are not intended to replace clinical judgment or individualized consultation with medical care providers. Persons accessing this information assume full responsibility for its use and understand and agree that the WSTFSD, Children's, MBCHC, and Woodinville Pediatrics are not responsible or liable for any claims, loss, or damage arising from use of the information. References to specific products, processes, resources, Web sites, or services do not constitute or imply recommendations or endorsement by the WSTFSD, Children's, MBCHC, or Woodinville Pediatrics. The authors have checked with sources believed to be reliable in their efforts to provide information that is complete and generally in accord with the standards accepted at the time of publication. However, in view of the possibility of human error or changes in medical sciences, neither the WSTFSD, nor Children's, MBCHC, or Woodinville Pediatrics nor any party who has been involved in the preparation or publication of this work warrants that the information contained herein is in every respect accurate or complete, and they are not responsible for any errors or omissions or for the results obtained from the use of such information. Readers are encouraged to confirm the information contained herein with other sources and to seek the care of a healthcare professional if medical care or advice is needed.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Disclaimer.....	1
List of Appendices.....	3
Acknowledgements.....	4
Introduction.....	5
Developing an Individual Health Plan/Section 504 Plan: The Team Approach.....	6
Overview of Diabetes.....	8
Insulin.....	9
Blood Sugar Monitoring.....	12
Diabetes Supplies.....	13
Low Blood Sugar (Hypoglycemia).....	14
High Blood Sugar (Hyperglycemia).....	15
Diabetes Nutrition and Meal Planning: The Basics.....	16
Exercise/Sports.....	20
Personnel Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes in the School Setting.....	21
Suggested Accommodations for the Student with Diabetes.....	26
Questions and Concerns Raised by Parents.....	28
Living with Diabetes.....	32
Bibliography.....	34

APPENDICES

A. RCW 28A.210.330 through 350.....	35
B. Individual Health Plan/Section 504 Plan.....	40
C. Individual Health Plan/Section 504 Plan: Completed Example.....	47
D. Diabetes Checklist for School Nurses.....	54
E. Required District Policies and Sample Policy.....	57
F. Authorization for Exchange of Medical Information.....	63
G. Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement..... (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)	66
H. Uniform Staff Training Policy.....	68
I. Parent-Designated Adult Explanation and Sample Forms.....	72
J. Type 2 Diabetes.....	77
K. Sample Healthcare Provider Orders for Students with Diabetes in Washington State Schools: Overview, Sample Form, Example of Completed Sample Form.....	79
L. Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission Advisory Opinions.....	82
M. Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and Students with Diabetes	93
N. Nutrition Guidelines for School Snacks.....	95
O. Disaster Preparedness: Three-Day Emergency Readiness.....	98
P. Low Blood Sugar School Plan.....	105
Q. High Blood Sugar School Plan.....	107
R. Nutrition Guidelines for School Parties and/or Unplanned Eating.....	109
S. Exchange Lists for Meal Planning.....	111
T. Meal Service for Students with Diabetes.....	116
U. Special Education/If Parents and Staff Don't Agree.....	118
V. Skills Checklist for Parent-Designated Adult.....	121
W. Resources: Products.....	127
X. Resources: Questions about Diabetes.....	130

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This guide provides an overview of diabetes and its management as well as information for providing optimal care in the school setting. While it is recognized that each child has specific needs, the use of consistent guidelines promotes compliance, efficient use of resources, and a comprehensive school care plan. The Washington State Task Force for Students with Diabetes developed this guide between 1997 and 2001 during a series of collaborative meetings. This task force involved professionals from a variety of facilities and agencies, both local and state. The guide was updated in 2004 to reflect the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6641(now RCW 28A.210.330 through 350) as well as changes in the medical management of persons with diabetes. Editing for this guide was provided by Teresa Gauthier, R.N., M.S.N., C.D.E. The task force gratefully acknowledges her very significant contribution to this guide as well as to students with diabetes and their families in Washington State.

WASHINGTON STATE TASK FORCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DIABETES: Members and Date of Service

Laurie Anderson R.N., B.S.N.	Bellingham School District, School Nurse Organization of Washington (SNOW), representative, 1997–2005
Deann Atkins	Children's Hospital and Medical Center 2002–05
Michelle Cameron, R.N., B.S.N., C.D.E.	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital 1998–2001
Becky Deeter, R.N., M.N.	South Kitsap School District, SNOW representative, 1997–2001
Michael Donlan, M.D.	American Academy of Pediatrics, 2002–05
Alison Evert, R.D., C.D.E.	Woodinville Pediatrics, 1997–2005
Shannon Fitzgerald, R.N., M.S.N., A.R.N.P.	Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, 1997–2005
Teresa Gauthier, R.N., M.S.N., C.D.E.	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 1997–2005
Martin Goldsmith, M.D.	Pediatrics Northwest, 1997–2001
Joanne Hanson, R.N.	Woodinville Pediatrics, 1997–2005
Anne Hendon, R.N., M.Ed., C.D.E.	Parent, 1997–2003
Debby Jackson, R.D., M.Ed., C.D.E.	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 1997–2005
Chris Ladish, Ph.D.	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 1997–2001
Judith Maire, R.N., M.N.	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1997–2001
DeAnna Martin	American Diabetes Association, 1999–2002
Rick Mauseth, M.D.	Woodinville Pediatrics, 1997–2005
Jim Rich	Special Education Consultant, 1997–2005
Frederick Streeck, M.S.W.	Dieringer School District, 1997–2001
Laura Thelander	American Diabetes Association, 2002–04
Gayle Thronson	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2002–05
Shirley Vacanti, R.N., C.D.E.	Children's Hospital and Medical Center, 1997–2005
Heidi Williams	American Diabetes Association, 1997–2002
Jan Wisner, R.N., B.S.N.	Bellingham School District, School Nurse, SNOW representative, 1997–2005

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this educational guide is to provide families of students with diabetes, school personnel, parent-designated adults (PDA) who may provide care, as needed, and healthcare providers (physicians and advanced registered nurse practitioners (A.R.N.P.s)) with the information and procedures necessary to provide such students with a safe learning environment and access to all other nonacademic school-sponsored activities. These guidance and training materials are based on the belief that for children with diabetes to be successful in school, a comprehensive health plan must be cooperatively developed by families, school personnel, and healthcare providers (HCP). As mandated in RCW 28A.210.330 through 350 (Appendix A) effective July 1, 2002, an individualized health plan should be in place in the student's school and should include provisions for:

- Parental signed release of health information.
- Parental signed consent for treatment at school form.
- Medical equipment and storage capacity.
- Exceptions from school policies.
- School schedule.
- Meals and eating.
- Disaster preparedness.
- Inservice training for staff.
- Legal documents for PDAs if needed.
- Personnel guidelines describing who may assume responsibility for activities contained in this plan.

This educational guide:

1. Gives general information for school personnel about the management of diabetes.
2. Provides consistent care guidelines in the school setting for students with diabetes.
3. Provides guidelines for a learning environment that is safe and therapeutic for the student.
4. Provides forms to document individualized information about students.
5. Includes content to assist school districts, families, and HCPs to comply with RCW 28A .210.330 through 350.

DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLAN (IHP)/SECTION 504 PLAN: THE TEAM APPROACH

Parents and the student should plan to meet with school officials and the school nurse to develop the individual health plan (IHP)/Section 504 plan (Appendices B and C) prior to the student attending school. Additional meetings should occur at least annually or upon returning to school after an absence related to the diagnosis, and any time there are changes in the student's treatment plan. These planned team meetings will ensure a safe, therapeutic, learning environment for the student with diabetes. The IHP/Section 504 team will consist of at least the school nurse and parents. Other members could be added as needed (e.g., teachers). The school nurse must be involved in the initial and ongoing discussions since it will be the nurse who establishes the school treatment and disaster and emergency plans, coordinates the nursing care, and trains and supervises school staff in the monitoring and treatment of symptoms (Appendix D). The school nurse is ultimately accountable for the quality of the healthcare provided during the school day to students with diabetes. She or he has the responsibility of consulting and coordinating with the student's parents and healthcare provider (HCP) to establish a safe, therapeutic learning environment.

Most students with diabetes currently attending school have an IHP in place. **The new statute adds the requirement that schools are responsible for ensuring there is an IHP for every student with diabetes.** The statute instructs the school district board of directors to adopt policies as a prerequisite condition to providing IHPs for students with diabetes. Refer to Appendix E for a detailed explanation of the required policies and a sample policy.

The school district board of directors is directed to designate a professional person licensed under RCW 18.71 (medical doctors), RCW 18.57 (doctors of osteopathy), or RCW 18.79 as it applies to R.N.s and A.R.N.P.s to:

- Consult and coordinate with the student's parents and healthcare provider.
- Train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care of students with diabetes.

A diabetes educator, who is nationally certified, may also provide the training. However, only the licensed health professional may be designated to consult and coordinate with the student's parents and healthcare provider, and to supervise the appropriate school district personnel.

In planning for the student with diabetes the following activities should occur:

1. Establish required district policies as stated in RCW 28A.210.300 through 350 (Appendix A).
2. Obtain parent signed release to access information from the student's HCP and permission to evaluate the student, and secure HCP Orders (Appendix F) for monitoring and treatment at school.
3. Provide parents with a copy of the district's explanation of parent/student rights. A sample is contained in Appendix G.
4. Secure medical equipment and medication.
 - Parents must provide all supplies.
 - Districts must provide appropriate, secure storage as needed.
5. Plan to accommodate the student's potential needs to:
 - Eat whenever and wherever necessary, including having food at his or her desk.
 - Have easy, unrestricted access to water and bathroom use.

- Have provisions made for parties at school when food is served.
 - Eat meals and snacks on time and, if requested, be monitored by staff as to whether the student finishes food.
 - Address other necessary exceptions to district policy as described in the IHP/Section 504 plan.
6. Ensure that school meals are **never** withheld because of nonpayment of fees or disciplinary action.
 7. Discuss student's school day schedule for timing of meals, snacks, blood sugar testing, etc.
 8. Develop disaster preparedness plans.
 9. Review need, establish plan, and implement inservice training for staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes and the additional observations that may be needed in certain situations (e.g., at recess or when student is ill). This training should include the student and parents, as appropriate, and should be provided by an individual with training in current diabetes management. See Appendix H for the Uniform Staff Training Policy developed by OSPI and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).
 10. Secure legal documents for PDAs to provide care, if needed. See Appendix I for an explanation of PDAs and sample forms.
 11. Initiate discussion of the "Personnel Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes in the School Setting" (pages 22–26). Decisions will be made by parents, district administrators, school nurse, and perhaps the HCP based on the student's ability to assume varying degrees of responsibility in his or her care. Such decisions may relate to:
 - Should the student carry his or her own blood glucose monitoring equipment and syringes/insulin pen?
 - Where/when should the student perform blood glucose testing?
 - Where/when should the student administer insulin?
 - When is school staff verification and notification of parents necessary and for what activities (e.g., do parents want to be notified when the student receives treatment for low blood sugar)?
 12. Obtain parent and HCP written approval to implement the student's plan of care after the student's IHP/Section 504 plan has been developed. IHP/Section 504 plans and/or individual education programs (IEPs) require parental notice prior to implementation.

OVERVIEW OF DIABETES

Diabetes is a chronic illness that results from failure of the pancreas to make a hormone called insulin. Insulin helps the body utilize food by converting sugar or glucose into energy. Without insulin, sugar accumulates in the blood stream and will cause symptoms.

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in school-aged children, affecting about 151,000 young people in the United States, or about one in every 400 to 500 young people under 20 years of age. Each year, more than 13,000 youths are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. In addition, healthcare providers are finding more and more children and teens with Type 2 Diabetes, a disease usually diagnosed in adults over age 40.

Most children with diabetes have Type 1 Diabetes. Diabetes is not contagious and cannot, at this time, be cured. However it can be managed and treated. Treatment consists of administering multiple doses of insulin, monitoring blood sugar several times during the day, eating nutritious meals and snacks, as well as following a regular exercise program. A balance between insulin, food, and exercise must be maintained to prevent blood sugar levels from being either too low (hypoglycemia) or too high (hyperglycemia).

Children with Type 2 Diabetes often do not take insulin, but may be on a diabetes pill, such as Metformin (Glucophage). Blood sugar monitoring, careful attention to a healthy diet, and daily exercise are important to controlling Type 2 Diabetes (Appendix J).

Research has shown that maintaining good control of blood sugar levels can prevent long-term complications of diabetes. The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) was a nationally-sponsored study involving more than 1,400 persons with Type 1 Diabetes at 29 medical centers in the U.S. and Canada. Patients were randomly assigned to an “intensive” or “standard” treatment group and both groups were regularly examined for the presence or progression of diabetes complications. There were patients in the intensive group who kept their blood sugar levels close to normal by frequent blood monitoring, several daily insulin injections, and lifestyle changes including exercising and healthy eating. These patients had a combined 60 percent reduction in the development and progression of complications of the eye (retinopathy), kidneys (nephropathy), and nervous system (neuropathy). These benefits were achieved despite the fact that average blood sugar levels were still above the normal range in this intensive group. Although children under the age of 13 were not included in the study, it is believed that promoting blood sugar levels close to normal for all age groups is important. It should be noted that there may be different “target ranges” for blood sugar in the various age groups and that the HCP and the family establish this target range.

Goals of Diabetes Management in Children:

1. To promote normal childhood/adolescent growth and development.
2. To promote healthy emotional well-being.
3. To maintain a balance between insulin, food, and exercise.

Children with diabetes can and should participate in all school activities. School staff should refer students to parents and HCP for recurrent illness, frequent or recurrent low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), frequent requests to be excused from class, and frequent absenteeism as these may indicate a need for a change in the established treatment plan.

INSULIN

Insulin is a hormone that can only, at this time, be taken by multiple injections or by insulin pump. Insulin lowers blood sugar. The various kinds of insulin work for differing lengths of time. Most children take a combination of insulin at different times of the day. The types and amount of insulin the student needs must be ordered by the HCP (Appendix K).

INSULIN ACTION CHART

NAME	ONSET OF ACTION (Hours) How long before it starts to work.	PEAK ACTION (Hours) When the insulin has the strongest effect.	DURATION OF ACTION (Hours) How long the insulin usually lasts.
RAPID-ACTING Humalog® (Lispro) Novolog® (Aspart)	0.2–0.5	0.5–1.5	3–4
SHORT-ACTING Regular	0.5–1.0	2–3	3–6
INTERMEDIATE-ACTING NPH	2–4	6–10	10–16
INTERMEDIATE-ACTING Lente	3–4	6–12	12–18
LONG-ACTING Ultralente	6–10	10–16	18–20
EXTENDED-ACTING or LONG-ACTING Lantus® (Glargine)	1–2	No pronounced peak	24

The following special points should be considered:

1. All insulins lower blood sugar but peak action and duration are different.
2. Rapid-acting insulins start to work very quickly and leave the body quickly. A meal must be eaten **immediately** after injecting a rapid-acting insulin.

3. Short-acting (Regular) takes relatively longer to work and is ideally injected approximately 30 minutes before eating.
4. Most students are on a “sliding scale” that allows the dosage of rapid-acting or short-acting insulin to be adjusted according to the blood sugar level and carbohydrate intake. See “HCP Orders for Students with Diabetes in Washington State Schools” (Appendix K).
5. Parents are instructed not to mix Lantus® with any other insulin. A new syringe is needed.
6. The onset and duration of insulin action may vary. Consult the manufacturer’s guidelines.

Insulin Delivery Methods

Insulin delivery methods include a syringe, an insulin pen, or an insulin pump. Students who are able to self-administer insulin may use a syringe or pen. The pen differs from the syringe in that it contains a prefilled cartridge containing insulin. Insulin pens, if used properly, can be easier to handle and present less potential for error. Nonlicensed school personnel, other than one who is a PDA (Appendix I), may not assist with the syringe, but may, with instruction and supervision from the school nurse, **verify** the number shown in the “window” on the insulin pen (Appendix L).

The insulin pump is a computerized device about the size of a beeper that can be programmed to send a continuous delivery of insulin into the bloodstream. It replaces insulin injections and delivers rapid-acting insulin via a plastic catheter to an infusion set inserted through the skin. The pump cannot measure blood sugars but must be programmed based on information from frequent blood sugar monitoring. Insulin is delivered in two ways:

1. **Basal:** a continuous 24-hour delivery of insulin that replaces the background long-acting insulin (i.e., NPH, Lente, or Lantus[®]) and is prescribed in units per hour.
2. **Bolus:** a spurt of insulin delivered to match the carbohydrates (carbs) in a meal or snack, or the spurt used as a sliding scale to lower a high sugar.

Most children who wear the insulin pump are well versed in its use and maintenance and as such are independent in monitoring blood sugar and administering a bolus. The school nurse needs to be informed that the student is wearing the pump and information on the pump should be included in the student’s IHP/Section 504 plan. The school nurse will be knowledgeable about the pump and how to disconnect or inactivate it in the unlikely event that a severe low blood sugar occurs. Severe low blood sugar is treated in the same manner whether a student is wearing an insulin pump or not. Each student will be treated according to the IHP/Section 504 plan. In situations where a school nurse or PDA is not available, the pump should be left intact and 911 should be alerted to its presence. This should be specified in the IHP/Section 504 plan.

Nonlicensed school personnel, other than one who is a PDA (Appendix I), may not assist with the pump, but may, with instruction and supervision from the school nurse, **verify** the number shown on the screen of the insulin pump (see Appendix L).

Nonlicensed school staff, who are volunteer PDAs, may assist with the syringe, pen, or pump only if this task is (1) assigned by the parent, (2) the PDA has provided documentation of additional training, and (3) the care is consistent with the student’s IHP/Section 504 plan.

Storage of Insulin

It is important to label the insulin bottle with the opening date. **Insulin can be stored at room temperature for one month.** After the first month the potency will be diminished. Insulin can also be stored and will last longer in the refrigerator. To avoid discomfort, insulin should be at room temperature before injection. Storage guidelines for insulin pens are the same as noted above. Usually pens are stored at room temperature. Lantus[®] pen **cannot** be stored in refrigerator. It is the parents’ responsibility to provide and assure current insulin supplies.

BLOOD SUGAR MONITORING

Blood sugar monitoring is recommended for individuals with diabetes. The procedure involves pricking a finger and placing a drop of blood on a test strip (Appendix M). Although some strips can be read visually, most are inserted into a glucose meter to obtain the test result or reading. The result is then evaluated and recorded. Nonlicensed school staff, trained and supervised by the school nurse, may in selected situations verify the reading (Appendix L). A PDA may be a school employee who may perform blood sugar monitoring only if the task is (1) assigned by the parent, (2) the PDA has provided documentation of additional training, and (3) the care is consistent with the student's IHP/Section 504 plan. Blood sugar monitoring is usually performed several times daily. The level of blood sugar guides treatment decisions and insulin dosage. Alternate site (site other than fingertip) blood glucose testing can be performed with many currently available blood glucose meters.

NOTE: Alternate site testing should not be performed if hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is suspected; the finger tips should be used in this situation.

Benefits of blood sugar monitoring at school:

1. Provides the student with an immediate test result.
2. Allows for adjustments in the insulin dose prior to meals.
3. Provides the student as well as the healthcare team with important information regarding the effects of insulin, food, and exercise.
4. Confirms low (hypoglycemia) or high (hyperglycemia) blood sugar.

Common problems causing inaccurate blood sugar test results:

1. Finger not clean and dry.
2. Poor technique, including inadequate blood drop (not enough blood).
3. Code on test strip does not match code on meter.
4. Outdated or incorrectly stored test strip.
5. Machine dirty, often with dried blood.
6. Product malfunction.

DIABETES SUPPLIES

Parents are responsible for providing all diabetes supplies. The following is a list of typical supplies:

Insulin

- Insulin bottle(s).
- Insulin syringes.¹
- Alcohol wipes/antiseptic wipes (optional).
- Insulin pen(s) with cartridge loaded.
- Pen needles.¹
- Logbook to record amounts of insulin and blood sugar.
- Pump supplies, including equipment needed to change reservoir and infusion set, and manufacturer's operating instructions.

Blood Sugar Monitoring Supplies

- Blood glucose meter and manufacturer's instructions.²
- Test strips (with code information, if needed).
- Finger-poking device.¹
- Lancets.
- Cotton balls.
- Logbook to record blood sugar and amounts of insulin.
- Protective covering (e.g., plastic wrap) as needed.

Food

- Snack foods.
- Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) supplies: glucose tablets, juice and carbohydrate/protein snack.

Parents of students on an IEP and/or a free and reduced-priced meals program may supply food or work with the food service manager at the school to plan and supply meals that meet the child's needs. A diet or meal plan from a licensed medical authority is required. It must identify specific foods and portion sizes. The provision of snacks is addressed in Appendix N.

Ketone Testing

- Blood ketone strips and meter, if ordered.
- Urine ketone test strips.

Disaster Preparedness/72-Hour Emergency Readiness

See APPENDIX O.

¹ Assure contaminated waste and sharps are properly disposed (Appendix M).

² Parents are responsible for periodic quality control testing of meter and strips as well as providing meter manufacturer's operating instructions.

LOW BLOOD SUGAR (HYPOGLYCEMIA)

Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) is defined as a blood sugar level tested less than 60 mg/dl. The student may feel “low” and show any of the symptoms listed below. A low blood sugar episode does not feel good and may be frightening for the student. **Low blood sugar can develop within minutes and requires immediate attention! Never send a child with suspected “low blood sugar” anywhere alone.** Appendix P contains a form to be completed based on the student’s IHP/Section 504 plan.

Causes	
	Late food or too little food Too much exercise Too much insulin A planned or unplanned activity without additional food

Symptoms/Signs	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>
	Hungry	Headache	Loss of consciousness
	Shaky	Behavior changes	Seizure
	Dizzy	Poor coordination	
	Sweaty	Confusion	
	Pale	Blurry vision	
	Increased heart rate	Weakness	
	Anxiousness	Slurred speech	
	Irritability		
	Weakness, tiredness		
	Inability to concentrate		
	Personality change		

Symptoms can vary per student as well as per hypoglycemic event, particularly at different ages. Often children will not have an awareness of low blood sugar symptoms until they are 7 or 8 years of age.

Management	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>
IHP/Section 504 plan	Student treats self. Ingests quick sugar source such as: 2–3 glucose tabs or 4–8 oz. juice or Glucose gel or 4–8 oz. regular (not diet) soda.	Someone assists. Insist on child swallowing quick sugar source as listed under mild management.	Call 911. Position on side, if possible. Don’t attempt to give anything by mouth.

Follow-up management for mild or moderate low blood sugar:

Wait 10–15 minutes. If possible, recheck blood sugar. Repeat food if symptoms persist or blood sugar remains less than 60, **if known**. Follow with snack of complex carbohydrate and protein (e.g., crackers and cheese) if it is more than one-half hour until the next meal.

**If You Have A Way To Check Blood Sugar, Do So
BUT ALWAYS, WHEN IN DOUBT, TREAT.**

- **Send for help if unsure of what to do.**
- **If student is unconscious or unable to swallow, DO NOT try to feed. Place on side and call 911. After 911 has been called, the office should contact parents.**

HIGH BLOOD SUGAR (HYPERGLYCEMIA)

High blood sugar (hyperglycemia) is defined as a blood sugar level greater than 240 mg/dl. It occurs over time, hours and days, and indicates the need for evaluation of management. Students who will be checking their blood sugars at various times during the day are generally able to self-treat. However the student may require occasional assistance. Note that **undiagnosed** children may exhibit some or all of the following signs, including weight loss. Appendix Q contains a form to be completed based on the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.

Causes	Too much food Too little insulin Decreased activity Illness Infection Stress		
Symptoms/Signs	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>
	Thirst Frequent urination Fatigue/sleepiness Increased hunger Loss of concentration Blurred vision Sweet breath Ketones (varies from 0 to small) ¹	Dry mouth Nausea Stomach cramps Vomiting Ketones (elevated) ¹	Labored breathing Very weak Confused Unconscious Ketones (elevated) ¹
Management	<i>Mild</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>
IHP/Section 504 plan	Drink zero-calorie fluids (i.e., water). Check ketones, if test strips available. ¹ Decrease activity, if ketones present.	Drink zero-calorie fluids, as tolerated. Check ketones, if test strips available. ¹ Decrease activity. Call doctor. Antinausea suppository, if prescribed.	Call 911.

A student may need to use the bathroom frequently AND should be allowed to do so. High blood sugar is characterized by excessive thirst. It is important to drink plenty of water and it may be helpful for the student to use a water bottle in the classroom. School district or classroom policy may need to be amended for these accommodations.

¹ Ketones may be checked at school based on the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.

DIABETES NUTRITION AND MEAL PLANNING: THE BASICS

Structured meals and snacks help promote optimal blood glucose control and help prevent the incidence of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) levels during the school day. The student's IHP/Section 504 plan will dictate the role of the student, family, and school personnel in managing the meal plan.

Meal Plan Guides

A meal plan is not a diet, but a guide to assist children/families with diabetes in choosing age-appropriate meals and snacks. The nutritional needs of a student with diabetes do not differ from the needs of a student without diabetes. Both should eat a variety of foods to maintain normal growth and development. The major difference is that the timing, amount, and content of the food that the student with diabetes eats are carefully matched to the action of the insulin. Children using a more structured insulin regimen (a mixed dose insulin regimen that is injected twice a day) will require a more consistent intake of carbohydrate foods at meal and snack time. Children on an insulin pump or taking multiple insulin injections each day will typically have much more flexibility with their daily food choices. A registered dietitian usually develops an individualized meal plan designed to meet each child's unique nutritional needs. School staff must be familiar with the student's meal plan requirements during the school day. The meal plan is based on:

- Age.
- Weight.
- Height.
- Activity level for a 24-hour period.
- Usual eating habits.

Remember, children with diabetes are children first and their nutritional needs and favorite foods will be similar to brothers, sisters, friends, and classmates who do not have diabetes. All children like the taste of sweet foods! There are no forbidden foods for students with diabetes.

Blood Glucose Response To Major Nutrients

Carbohydrate

- Most important aspect of the meal plan.
- Carbohydrate foods include breads and starches, fruits and juice, and milk and yogurt.
- Main source of blood glucose. Approximately 90 to 100 percent of dietary carbohydrate enters the blood stream as glucose within 15 minutes to 1–2 hours.
- Greatest determinant of amount of insulin needed to control the blood glucose after meals.
- Consistency in amounts eaten at each meal and snack makes it easier to fine-tune insulin doses and timing.
- Children on intensive insulin management (pumps, multiple injections) may be counting carbs ("Carbohydrate Counting") at meals and snacks and administering insulin according to the amount of carbohydrate consumed. (See pages 18–19.)

Protein

- Protein can be converted into glucose, but the amount is minimal. Protein foods typically take 2–5 hours to be digested.
- Protein foods include meat, fish, poultry, eggs, peanut butter, cheese, and meat alternatives.
- Adds "staying power" to the meal.
- A protein food at breakfast may reduce the incidence of low blood sugar before lunch.
- A protein food is recommended at lunch.

Fat

- Small amounts of fat do not seem to affect blood glucose levels.
- High fat meals/snacks can delay/slow the emptying of the stomach.
- Children with diabetes **do not** have to be placed on strict low-fat diets. However, heart-healthy foods are recommended as children with diabetes have a greater incidence of heart disease than adults.
- Consumption may need to be monitored more closely in situations of coexisting childhood obesity.

Sugar is Okay, Sugar is Not a Poison! Sugar is a carbohydrate!

- Small or calculated amounts are acceptable in a diabetes meal plan.
- Research does not support the long-held theory that ingestion of sugar dramatically elevates blood sugar levels.
- Foods containing sugar can be substituted for part of the carbohydrate foods allowed in the child's meal plan.
- If the child is Carbohydrate Counting, carbohydrate from sugar can be added in with other carbs consumed and additional insulin given as directed in the child's school health plan. It is recommended that these "empty calorie" foods do not replace healthy foods on a regular basis.

Matching Food/Insulin Action

- Children generally need three meals and some children require two or three snacks each day.
- Eating four to five hours apart with snacks two to three hours after the previous meal almost always matches the peak times of insulin action.
- Usually one meal/snack is covered by each of the insulins acting during the day.
- Some children with diabetes receive a combination of rapid- or short-acting insulin and an intermediate-acting insulin (NPH or Lente) or long-acting insulin (Ultralente) before breakfast.
- Many children with diabetes receive an extended-acting insulin (Glargine) in the morning/daily, or occasionally twice daily, along with a rapid-acting insulin for meals and snacks.
- Various combinations of insulin are received at the evening meal and/or at bedtime.
- Most children receive an injection of rapid- or short-acting insulin before lunch to achieve a more optimal level of blood glucose control.
- Insulin action:
 - **Morning rapid-acting** insulin covers the carbohydrate foods consumed at breakfast.
 - **Morning short-acting** insulin lasts from breakfast to lunch.
 - **Morning intermediate-acting** insulin lasts from breakfast to just before dinner.
 - **Morning long-acting** insulin lasts from lunch into the evening.
 - **Lunchtime rapid-acting** insulin covers the carbohydrate foods consumed at lunch.
 - **Lunchtime short-acting** insulin lasts from lunch to dinner.
 - **Bedtime or morning extended-acting** insulin lasts for 24-hours; **or** bedtime basal insulin provides 24-hour basal insulin coverage (may also be taken in morning).
 - **Insulin Pumps** provide basal insulin. Students will take a bolus for carbs eaten at meals or snacks.
 - **Glargine (Lantus):** students on this 24-hour basal insulin will take insulin for carbs eaten at all meals and snacks.
- If a student with diabetes eats school meals, the parents, HCP, or school nurse may need to contact the school's food service dietitian/supervisor to ensure appropriate school participation in the student's meal plan.¹ In no instance should a meal be withheld because of lack of payment. If there is a party at school, work with the parents to make accommodations (as determined by the IHP/Section 504 plan) so that the student can participate (Appendix R).

¹ In order for appropriate modifications to be made in the school's menus, the parent must supply a meal plan signed by a licensed medical authority.

Meal Planning Approaches

Many children with diabetes use either the Exchange Lists for Meal Planning System or the Carbohydrate Counting System for their meal planning approach.

Exchange Lists for Meal Planning

This traditional method of meal planning groups commonly eaten foods into three main categories called “Exchange Groups.” The exchange groups include the following:

- Carbohydrate Group:
 - Bread/Starch Exchange List.
 - Fruit Exchange List.
 - Milk Exchange List.
 - Other Carbs Exchange List.
 - Vegetables Exchange List.
- Meat and Meat Substitute Group.
- Fats Group.

Each exchange (food choice) within a group equals a specified amount of food with a set nutritional value. Therefore, foods in each specific exchange list can be substituted or “exchanged” with other foods from the same list. The exchange list approach allows for a meal plan guide to be consistent while offering a wide variety of food choices. A child using this approach has a prescribed number of exchanges to be consumed at meal and snack times.

Substitutions between exchange groups can be made to increase flexibility. For example: one bread exchange can be substituted for one fruit exchange or one milk exchange.

- One Carbohydrate Exchange/Choice:
 - 1 starch exchange/choice.
 - 1 fruit exchange/choice.
 - 1 milk exchange/choice.
 - 1 other carbohydrate exchange/choice.
 - 15 grams of carbohydrate.
- One Meat/Meat Substitute Exchange/Choice:
 - 0 grams carbohydrate, 7 grams protein, 0–9 grams fat.
- One Fat Exchange/Choice:
 - 0 carbohydrate, 0 protein, 5 grams fat.

(See Appendix S for a copy of the “Exchange Lists for Meal Planning.”)

Carbohydrate Counting

The carbohydrate counting approach is a newer, simpler method of meal planning used frequently with children. This approach emphasizes the carbohydrate content of the child’s food intake. Parents and children are taught how to determine the carbohydrate choices and/or the grams of carbohydrate in foods. This information is obtained from the Exchange Lists for Meal Planning, from the nutrition information on food labels, or from other resource books. Depending on the goals of the individual

child, carbohydrate counting can be used to promote consistency in carbohydrate intake from day to day or provide increased flexibility in food types and amounts. Although foods in the meat and fat group contain little carbohydrate and therefore are not counted in this approach, a well-balanced, and heart-healthy (reduced fat, high fiber, moderate sugar) diet should be encouraged. All foods fit into a diabetes food plan. More and more children with Type 1 Diabetes count carbs and adjust their insulin dose based on the amount of carbs they eat. Depending on the type of long-acting insulin taken, the child may be doing carb counting at lunch and adjusting insulin. This is more often the case for children with insulin pumps and those taking 24-hour basal insulin. Children on intermediate-acting insulin in the morning may not need to take insulin for food at lunch.

To count carbs and adjust insulin successfully, children and/or caregivers must be able to:

1. Know which foods contain carbs (the starch, fruit, milk, and other carbohydrate groups).
2. Add up grams of carbs or carb choices (1 carb choice = 15 grams of carbs).
3. Calculate the correct dose of rapid-acting insulin by dividing the total grams of carbohydrate eaten by the number of carb grams per unit of rapid-acting insulin prescribed by their healthcare provider (e.g., the carb per unit may be 1 unit: 15 grams carb or 1 unit per carb choice).
4. Check blood sugar regularly to ascertain the adequacy of the carb to insulin ratio.

Example:

1 tuna sandwich with:	
2 slices bread	30 grams carbohydrate
¼ cup tuna	0 grams carbohydrate
1 Tbsp. mayonnaise	0 grams carbohydrate
lettuce, tomato	0 grams carbohydrate
1 small apple	15 grams carbohydrate
1 ounce potato chips	15 grams carbohydrate
8 ounce carton milk	15 grams carbohydrate
2 regular Oreo cookies	15 grams carbohydrate

TOTAL CARBOHYDRATE 90 grams (6 carb choices)

If the child is taking 1 unit rapid-acting insulin for every 15 grams carbohydrate (ratio = 1:15), then,

RAPID-ACTING INSULIN DOSE = 90 grams carb ÷ 15 = 6 units

(See Appendix S for a copy of “Exchange Lists for Meal Planning.”)

Tips for Healthy Eating To Achieve Optimal Blood Sugar Management

- Eat meals and snacks at regular times every day.
- Be consistent: Eat about the same amount of food at meals and snacks each day.
- Sugar can fit into a diabetes meal plan when substituted for other carbohydrate foods (Appendix R).
- Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) can occur in the absence of regular meals and snacks.
- Many children require a snack prior to physical education class, extra activity, extra recess, or a field trip (Appendix N). Carbohydrate counting with insulin adjustment based on carbohydrate intake makes timing, types, and amounts of food more flexible, but a heart-healthy (reduced fat, high fiber, moderate sugar) approach to eating is the best way to promote overall health and fitness for everyone.

EXERCISE/SPORTS

Organized sports and other forms of active play are a great way for a child to stay physically fit, spend time with friends, build self-confidence, have fun, and help blood sugars stay within an acceptable range. Children and young adults with diabetes should be encouraged to participate in exercise. Specific requirements are in the student's IHP/Section 504 plan. The following are a few guidelines at school:

- **High blood sugar (hyperglycemia):** If blood sugar level is above 240mg/dl, the ketones may be checked as determined in the student's IHP/Section 504 plan. If the ketone check is negative, it should be okay to play.
- **If ketones elevated:** The student may need to clear the ketones with extra insulin and zero calorie fluids before being physically active. Contact parent or the PDA per the IHP/Section 504 plan when ketones are present and/or the blood sugar is above 240mg/dl.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia):** Every coach/P.E. teacher and teacher should be aware of the signs, symptoms, and management of low blood sugar (page 14 and Appendix P).

Suggestions for Exercising

- Child should be allowed to monitor blood sugar before, during, or after exercising (see student's IHP/Section 504 plan). RCW 28A.210.330 states "the policies shall include the option for students to carry on their persons the necessary supplies and equipment and the option to perform monitoring and treatment functions anywhere on school grounds including the students' classroom, and at school-sponsored events."
- Eat before intensive exercising.
- Have extra snacks available during exercise to prevent low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Gatorade, 4 to 8 oz., for every 30 minutes of vigorous exercising can be used. Foods such as cheese and crackers provide a longer-acting carbohydrate.
- Always have quick-acting sugared food/beverages available for managing low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Suggestions include:
 - Juice (4–8 oz.).
 - Glucose tablets.
 - Glucose gel.
 - Regular (not diet) soda.
- Treat low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).
- Recheck blood sugar to ensure it is in the normal range before additional exercising.
- If ketones are present, intensity and duration of exercise may need to be modified. Refer to student's IHP/Section 504 plan.
- Drink plenty of water, especially in hot weather.

After-School Activities

Parents or guardian will need to inform the school whether the student will require an insulin injection and/or a substantial snack before participating in a preplanned after-school activity. The student's IHP/Section 504 plan should include this information, along with the name of the PDA who may be involved with any after school activities.

PERSONNEL GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

This section describes who may assume responsibility for activities in the IHP/Section 504 plan as determined by statute, regulation, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) guidelines (Appendix L), or best practice. While these are guidelines only, it is strongly recommended that they be followed in order to maintain safety and quality of care. Determinations that relate to these guidelines become part of the student's IHP/Section 504 plan. A table (pages 24 and 25) summarizes these guidelines.

Blood Sugar Monitoring

- Blood sugar monitoring, if ordered, will be provided before meals (not including snacks).
- The student, parent, family member, PDA (Appendix I), or licensed staff R.N. or licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) may perform this procedure as defined in the IHP/Section 504 Plan. A HCP's order is needed if blood sugar monitoring is being done by a licensed school health professional. Assessment of the student's ability to independently perform this procedure will be determined by the parent, school nurse, and HCP. Additionally, RCW 28A.210.330 requires school districts to develop district policy addressing the acquisition of orders from a HCP for monitoring and treatment at schools. Supervision of the student may be needed due to the student's developmental ability, level of independence, proximity to initial diagnosis, and/or age. Such supervision can only be provided by a parent, family member, PDA, or licensed personnel. Based on an advisory opinion from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, this procedure and necessary student supervision cannot be delegated to nonlicensed personnel (Appendix L).
- Verification of the number on the meter by nonlicensed school personnel for a student independent in the management of his/her self-monitoring can be performed after training, supervision, and delegation by the school nurse (Appendix L).
- The test can be done at most locations with planning for blood containment, clean up, and lancet disposal in the physical setting where the testing will occur (Appendix M). It will be necessary to establish a plan with the student, parent, and school nurse in advance. Provisions for storage of supplies must be made.
- Blood sugar monitoring for symptoms of low (hypoglycemia) or high (hyperglycemia) blood sugar will be done by the student (if able), the parent, family member, or PDA. The school nurse, if available and with a HCP order, can also perform the procedure. The same provisions, as stated above, for containment of blood and sharps must be applied.
- In special circumstances such as extended day, field trips, and after-school sports or activities, blood sugar monitoring can be performed by the student, licensed staff member, parent, family member, or PDA. Provisions for containment and clean up of blood and sharps disposal must be available (Appendix M). Also, provisions must be made for safe storage of supplies and equipment.

Insulin Injection

- An insulin injection prior to meals may be needed based on the individual's insulin prescription. A HCP's written order stating the sliding scale ranges for the amount and type of insulin to be injected is required (Appendix K). Adjustments in the daily dosage amount of insulin can be made by consultation with the parent as long as the parent's recommendations are within a range ordered on the HCP's written sliding scale. The HCP must also clearly state that parents may be consulted for daily dosage adjustments. Parents may not order treatments or changes to the treatment plan independently as they are not authorized prescribers (Appendix L).

- Assessment of the student's ability to independently perform this procedure will be determined by the parent, school nurse, and HCP. If licensed staff perform the procedure, the HCP order is necessary. Again, RCW 28A.210.330 requires school districts to develop district policy addressing the acquisition of orders from a HCP for monitoring and treatment at schools. Supervision that may be needed due to the student's developmental ability, level of independence, proximity to initial diagnosis, or age can only be provided by a parent, family member, PDA, or licensed staff member.
- After training, supervision, and delegation by the school nurse, nonlicensed school personnel can verify the amount dialed, by the student, on the insulin pen for a student who is independent in the management of her or his self-injecting (Appendix L).
- Drawing up of insulin, verification of dose, and injection can be done only by the student (if able), a parent, a family member, a PDA, or licensed staff (R.N. or L.P.N.).
- The injections can be done at any location where privacy is provided, with planning for blood containment, clean up, and lancet disposal, in the physical setting where the injections will occur (Appendix M). It will be necessary to establish a plan with the student, parent, and school nurse in advance. Provisions must be made for storage of medication and syringes.
- If extra insulin injections are needed, the student, parent, family member, PDA, or school nurse can perform the procedure. Extra injections are those needed as determined by testing done other than before meals. These injections can occur anywhere as long as provisions are made for blood containment, clean up, sharps disposal, and storage of medication.

Low Blood Sugar (Hypoglycemia) Treatment

- The school nurse, parent, and HCP should determine a plan that includes the individual student's symptoms and treatment of low blood sugar. Blood glucose determination can be done by the student, nurse, parent, or PDA, if available. **Treatment, however, should not be withheld if testing is not available and the student is symptomatic.** If there is ever a doubt that the student is experiencing low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) symptoms, treatment should be given **immediately**.

Treatment should be a food snack that the parent has provided. A quick acting carbohydrate (fruit juice, glucose tablets, glucose gel, etc.) is appropriate. A more substantial follow-up snack may be needed. All snacks should be readily available. Low blood sugar (hypoglycemic) episodes and snack usage should be reported to the parent. Note that glucose tablets and food are not considered to be medication.

Anyone can treat the student who is experiencing symptoms of low blood sugar. If the student is excused from class to seek treatment at another location, **she or he needs to be escorted to that location**. It is important to treat symptoms **immediately**. Document and inform parents as noted in the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.

Treatment for low blood sugar can occur anywhere. For this reason, it is important for the student and the adult in charge to know where the student's emergency food supplies are stored.

- **Severe low blood sugar** (hypoglycemia) occurs when the student is unconscious and cannot safely swallow food or liquid. School staff should be trained in emergency response for this situation.

If the student is unconscious or unable to take food or drink safely by mouth, **call 911**. Place the student on his or her side to prevent aspiration. School personnel must remain with the student until medical help arrives. It is extremely helpful to have the student's medical information available for the paramedics treating the student. Parents should be contacted after **911** has been called.

Glucagon (1 mg.) injected intramuscularly or subcutaneously may be administered by licensed staff, parents, family members, or PDAs **only**. Note that the dosage should be 0.5 mg for children weighing less than 44 lb. (20 kg). The dosage for any particular student must be ordered by the student's HCP.

Licensed staff may not be available to administer the Glucagon injection. In this case the protocol for **severe low blood sugar** should be followed. A written HCP order and parental agreement is needed in order to give Glucagon by licensed staff. As previously stated, RCW 28A.210.330 requires school districts to develop district policy addressing the acquisition of orders from a HCP for monitoring and treatment at schools. Even when Glucagon is administered, **911 must always be called**.

High Blood Sugar (Hyperglycemia) Treatment

- A plan for high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) should be developed with parents and HCP that sets parameters for treatment as necessary. Depending on the ability and independence of the student, parents may need to be contacted when blood sugars reach a predetermined level. Parents, students, and PDAs, if available, are responsible for treatment of high blood sugars if an insulin shot is needed outside of the pre-meal testing and injection. Accommodations for the student may include availability of bathroom, fluids, and exercise restrictions.
- The parent should supply ketone test strips for testing if needed and ordered by the student's HCP. Testing should take place in the health room or designated private bathroom. Licensed staff may not be available to help with this testing but the school nurse may delegate to, train, and supervise designated nonlicensed staff.

Meals and Snacks

- A copy of the school menu should be available to children/parents, if requested.
- Parents should supply a ready supply of snacks with some method of communication that notifies them when the supply is low or out.
- In no instance should a meal/snack be withheld because of discipline or lack of payment.
- Snacks may be supplied by the school food service if designated in the student's IEP.

Illness

- If a student has a temperature (>100°F) and/or vomiting, parents should be contacted to come and get the student. Observe for symptoms of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).

PERSONNEL GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

RCW 28A.210.330 requires school districts to develop district policy addressing the acquisition of orders from a HCP for **all** students with diabetes needing monitoring and treatment.

	SKILL/TOPIC	WHO CAN DO IT						WHERE (LOCATION)
I.	BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING	Student ★	Parent/Family ◆	Licensed Staff □	Parent-designated adult ♂	Designated Staff ⬆	Any School Staff	
	1. Test to be performed prior to meals (not snacks).	X	X	X	X			Can occur at any preapproved location (e.g., classroom, health room) as long as plan in place for blood containment/clean up and sharps disposal. This must comply with infectious disease control plan and with bloodborne pathogen standards (Appendix M). The procedure should not be disruptive of class routine or other students.
	2. The following can be performed by those marked with an X: a. Piercing skin/performing blood sugar monitoring. b. Verifying number on meter. c. Interpreting results. (Appendix L).							Provision must be made for easy access storage of supplies.
	a.	X	X	X	X			
	b.	X	X	X	X	X		
	c.	X	X	X	X			
	3. Test if symptomatic (high or low blood sugar), if possible.	X	X	X	X			Same as above.
	4. Test during special events (extended day, field trips, sports, band, etc.).	X	X	X	X			Same as above.
	II. INSULIN INJECTION							
	1. Prior to meal(s). Requires HCP order. Sliding scale can be adjusted by nurse/PDA consultation within ordered HCP parameters per NCQAC opinion (Appendix M).	X	X	X	X			Can occur at any preapproved location (e.g., classroom, health room) as long as plan in place for blood containment/clean up and sharps disposal. This must comply with infectious disease control plan and with bloodborne pathogen standards (Appendix M). The procedure should not be disruptive of class routine or other students.
	2. The following can be performed by those marked with an X: a. Drawing up syringe and administering insulin. b. Verifying dose on syringe (not an insulin pen). c. Verifying number on insulin pen syringe (Appendix M).							Provision must be made for storage of medication and supplies.
	a.	X	X	X	X			
	b.	X	X	X	X			
	c.	X	X	X	X	X		
	3. Extra injections: Those needed as determined by testing done other than before meals.	X	X	X	X			Same as above.

PERSONNEL GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING								
	SKILL/TOPIC	WHO CAN DO IT						WHERE (LOCATION)
III.	LOW BLOOD SUGAR (HYPOGLYCEMIA)	Student ♦	Parent/Family ♦	Licensed Staff □	Parent-designated adult Ⓜ	Designated Staff ⬆	Any School Staff	
	1. Mild and Moderate: Follow treatment plan.	X	X	X	X	X	X	Can and must be treated anywhere.
	2. Severe: If unconscious or unable to swallow: CALL 911.	X	X	X	X	X	X	Can and must be treated anywhere and follow IHP/Section 504 plan.
	3. Glucagon Injection Physician's order required.		X	X	X			Licensed staff may not be available.
IV.	HIGH BLOOD SUGAR (HYPERGLYCEMIA)							
	1. Extra insulin to be determined by HCP's order for sliding scale.	X	X	X	X			Same as for insulin injections (No. II). For extra injections see II, No. 3.
	2. Ketone urine test if supplied by parent and ordered by HCP and part of student's IHP/504 plan.	X	X	X	X	X		Health room or designated private bathroom. Licensed staff may not be available.
	3. Blood Ketone Test. Physician's order required.	X	X	X	X			
V.	SNACKS							
	1. Parent provides.	X	X	X	X	X	X	As needed where needed.
	2. School provides if student has an IEP.							
VI.	ILLNESS							
	1. Per <i>Infectious Disease Control Guide</i> for school staff. If vomiting, monitor for low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	2. Call parents.							

♦ **Student's Developmental Ability:** The student possesses the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, motor skills, and physical maturity necessary to perform the required activity and can demonstrate it consistently and across multiple settings. The student's self care ability level should be included in the IHP that is signed by the parent, HCP, and school nurse (Appendix K).

♦ **Parent/Family:** Includes parent, guardian, or designated family member. If the family member is less than 18 years of age, the parents, HCP, school administrators, and school nurse should determine if it is appropriate and safe for the family member to provide the care.

□ **Licensed Staff:** Must be a R.N. or L.P.N. **A HCP's order is required for licensed person to test or inject.**

Ⓜ **Parent-designated adult:** A volunteer, who may be a school employee, who receives additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents (not the school nurse), and who provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan. (Appendix I.)

⬆ **Designated Staff:** School employee **trained and supervised** by R.N. who has delegated the tasks such as verifying numbers on glucose meter and/or insulin pen. A release should be included that is signed by the parent and school nurse.

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE STUDENT WITH DIABETES

THE LAW AND DIABETES

Diabetes is considered a disability under federal law. Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, it is illegal to discriminate against a person with a disability. Children with diabetes must have full access to all activities, services, or benefits provided by public schools.

Any school receiving federal funds must accommodate the special healthcare needs of its students with disabilities in order to provide them with a “free appropriate public education.” Such accommodations should be documented in an appropriately developed Section 504 plan or, if the child also needs special education services, in an individualized education program (IEP). These accommodations must be developed with parental input and cannot be implemented without parental consent. The school district has a legal obligation to ensure that these accommodations are provided as described in the plan. The Individual Health Plan and the 504 plan may be the same document. For procedural safeguards and parent/student rights under Section 504, see Appendix G. For procedures specific to a student with diabetes and IEP, see Appendix U.

The following is a list of suggested accommodations for students with diabetes:

1. School nurse, parents, and student should mutually determine the most appropriate location for blood sugar (glucose) monitoring and insulin administration. Determining factors may include:
 - Student age, developmental level, and possibility of negative effects in classroom.
 - Student desire for privacy.
 - Length of time since diagnosis.
 - Student knowledge of diabetes and degree of independence.
 - Student ability to demonstrate blood sugar (glucose) monitoring procedure and insulin administration, correctly, over time.
 - Awareness of safety issues surrounding needles, lancets, and blood, including proper disposal of waste and storage of diabetes equipment.
 - **Plus**, any other special circumstances.
2. Student may have permission¹ to do blood sugar monitoring in the classroom. This procedure should take only a few minutes and be nondisruptive to the class. Student may also need to check sugar on field trips or during special events. Blood sugar monitoring is usually done before meals, per HCP's order.
3. Parents are responsible to supply snacks for school; students should have at least one additional snack readily available everyday for emergency consumption. Parents should be notified when the emergency snack is consumed if this is part of the student's IHP. If student has an IEP and a meal plan from a licensed medical authority, snacks will be provided after consultation with food service manager, parents, and HCP (Appendix R).
4. Student needs to be allowed to snack when and where necessary (low blood sugar/hypoglycemia) to maintain adequate blood sugar levels. This includes school transportation as well as the classroom, gymnasium, etc.
5. A student who does not respond to a snack and/or exhibits signs of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), needs to be accompanied to the health room, or a call for assistance should be made from the classroom. **DO NOT SEND ALONE** if dizzy, sweating, pale, trembling, crying, drowsy, nauseated, or if complaining of abdominal pain, blurred vision, headache, and/or displaying out of character behavior.
6. A student with a high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) is to receive insulin per HCP order. This may include going to the health room to self-inject insulin or notifying school nurse, parent, family

member, or PDA to administer. The student may be allowed to self-inject in the classroom or health room, if this is consistent with the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.¹

7. A student must be allowed to drink water or other sugar free fluids in the classroom, as needed, to dilute high blood sugar.
8. A student needs to be allowed extra bathroom privileges as high blood sugars (hyperglycemia) results in increased urine output.
9. Parents should be given at least a one-day notice of extra events such as parties or "field days."

¹ The parent and school nurse should consider student's ability to demonstrate appropriate procedure and disposal of waste when planning for a student to test or self-inject in the classroom. Amount of classroom disruption is also a consideration. Students wishing privacy, confidentiality, or supervision should have permission to come to the health room for blood sugar testing or insulin injection.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY PARENTS

1. *Who will monitor the health of my child during the school day?*

Your school nurse is the best person to contact. She or he will assist you, your HCP, the building staff, and your child with developing an accommodation plan. This IHP/Section 504 plan will establish the guidelines of what needs to be done for your child during the day. This plan also serves as a teaching tool that your child's teacher(s) will need. It is helpful to make these contacts; it raises awareness to your child's special needs and identifies who will be performing certain tasks. Refer to the "Suggested Accommodations for the Student with Diabetes" (pages 26–27) as well as "Personnel Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes in the School Setting" (pages 21–25).

Parents may choose to designate an unrelated adult, or PDA, to provide care such as blood sugar monitoring and/or insulin administration that would otherwise be performed by a health professional licensed under RCW 18.79. The PDA may be a school district employee. The PDA will need to secure the appropriate documentation. Additionally, the parent and the PDA must be willing to receive additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in diabetes care (selected by the parents) and provide care for the student consistent with the school's IHP/Section 504 (Appendix I).

2. *How can I reach my child's teacher?*

Most teachers prefer to be contacted during their work hours. When both parents work, it is sometimes difficult to reach the teacher and be available when she or he is able to talk. Often communication via a note in the student's backpack, an e-mail, or voicemail can be a solution. Address the issue of how to reach the teacher as soon as possible at the beginning of the year, or as soon as your child is diagnosed.

3. *Will my child be labeled as "that diabetes kid"?*

The individual self-worth of every student is important in a learning environment. Most teachers are well trained and sensitive enough to avoid this type of "stereotyping." The individual's own self-perception and how she or he manages his or her own illness will most likely be the "measuring stick" that classmates will use with each other when interacting. If your child appears to have difficulty accepting or living with diabetes, seek out resources such as a counselor or a diabetes educator to help address the issues. Decide with the school nurse whether or not classmates should be taught about diabetes. It may be useful for your child to have a friend or classmate monitor symptoms and/or behavioral indications of low blood sugar and assist your child in seeking adequate help.

4. *Will my child's new teacher know anything about diabetes?*

Maybe and maybe not. It would be advisable for you to request an IHP/Section 504 plan meeting prior to each school year. Most teachers are very receptive to parental involvement. Since teachers are very busy at the beginning of the year, they may need some lead in time to plan to meet with you. You need to be patient and available to educate, particularly in the area of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) management. Your child's IHP/Section 504 plan should ensure that all staff that come in contact with your child is involved: substitute teachers, other teachers, playground monitors, cafeteria workers, and bus drivers. Transition to next year can be addressed in a child's IHP/Section 504 plan. Be sure to maintain a good working relationship with the staff and don't forget your sense of humor!

5. *What about snacks at school?*

Snacks need to be where your child is! Your child's IHP/Section 504 plan should include a snack plan. Extra snacks can be kept in your child's backpack, in the main classroom, the gymnasium, as well as the health room. Your child needs to know where the snacks are stored. If your child does not remember snack times, the teacher may be able to remind him or her. Alternatively, your child could wear a watch with an alarm that can alert him or her to snack time or testing time. Some schools will not allow juice boxes because of spills on carpet, etc. Be sure to work out acceptable snack foods in advance when developing your child's IHP/Section 504 plan to avoid problems. Ask the teacher and healthcare worker to notify you when the snack supply is low.

6. *What about the diabetes supplies?*

Don't forget to periodically restock insulin, blood monitoring supplies, and low blood sugar and emergency supplies. Your child's IHP/Section 504 plan should address who should notify you when the diabetes supplies are low. You are responsible for cleaning and quality control checking of your child's meter and insulin pen and ensuring that the insulin supply is fresh.

7. *I am concerned that if my son leaves his insulin pen at school, the insulin will become outdated and have to be wasted. This insulin is expensive. I feel that my 11-year-old son is responsible and should be allowed to carry his insulin pen instead of storing it at school.*

The school district's policy and your son's level of independence will be important factors in the solution to this question. Most school districts have policies that surround the safety of "sharps" and bloodborne pathogens. If your son has demonstrated that he is responsible in the usage of his insulin pen, it might be very possible to establish a plan for him to carry his insulin pen in a secured place. This matter should be addressed in your child's IHP/Section 504 plan.

8. *What will happen when there are special occasions such as school parties, field trips, etc.?*

There are a variety of ways these problems can be addressed. Discuss these issues at your child's IHP/Section 504 plan meeting. If the party is a surprise (often these occur at the end of the day), the parent could cover the elevated blood glucose reading with extra insulin at home. At preplanned parties with a known menu, the child could select one to two favorite treats to eat and take the rest home. Alternately, the parent could provide a special treat for the child. If an opportunity to act as a homeroom parent arises, do it. Finally, teachers that are informed can assist other parents in choosing food treats.

Field trips are less frequent events. They are almost always preplanned. If it is possible for you to make arrangements in your schedule to be one of the chaperones, this is the best solution. A number of variables need to be considered when planning for the trip: the level of independence your child may have with his or her diabetes, the availability of licensed personnel or PDA joining the trip, the length of time the trip will last, the necessity to test, the need to take insulin, and the potential for low blood sugar during the trip. The details should be addressed at your child's IHP/Section 504 plan meeting.

9. *Can the teacher or secretary just look at the syringe to be sure the right amount of insulin that the child drew up is correct?*

"Personnel Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes in the School Setting" (pages 21–25), is a guide to assist school districts in identifying the needs of these students and who can be responsible to help meet those needs. Appropriate staff assignments are based on Washington State laws, regulations, and guidance from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. There is a difference between an insulin syringe and an insulin pen. A dose of insulin delivered

via an insulin syringe requires verification by a licensed health professional, or a PDA. However, an assigned, trained school employee who may or may not be a PDA can legally verify the number of units of insulin shown on the insulin pen. Please note that this is a 1998 Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission opinion (Appendix L).

10. *I have been told that the more normal my daughter's blood sugars are, the better her chances are for fewer health complications from diabetes. How can the necessary checks be done at school?*

The 1993 Diabetes Control and Complication Trial demonstrated that patients with Type 1 Diabetes who experienced intensive management regimens developed fewer diabetes complications. This decrease was achieved despite the fact that average blood sugar levels were still above the normal range. Schools recognize that students with diabetes have some special needs that may need to be accommodated in order to facilitate education and diabetes management.

Some students with diabetes may require accommodations such as preferential seating, a shortened day, a mid-morning or afternoon snack, an injection, or a blood sugar check. When a student is independent in monitoring and insulin-administration skills, there are few requirements of school employees. When the student is less independent, school staff will need to be more involved. It is important to establish a **realistic** plan regarding monitoring of student's symptoms, testing of blood sugar, and administration of insulin. Communication with the school nurse will facilitate this goal. The demands on specialized school personnel are high. If a parent feels that the amount of monitoring by school personnel is insufficient, she or he should request an IHP/Section 504 plan meeting to discuss her or his concerns.

11. *My high school-aged child won't tell anyone that she has diabetes. She ended up passing out on the volleyball court before someone realized that she had a problem. How do you get kids to share such important information?*

Once a student begins to realize that she or he has different requirements for her or his body, it is not uncommon to want to "hide" the fact as a means to be the same as others. It is important to remember that kids are kids first and they all share similar developmental needs. Family attitudes teach early lessons in the precautions that someone with diabetes needs to take. A young person can learn that her daily routine is just a part of her personal responsibilities and care.

Your child's IHP/Section 504 plan should ensure information is confidential and will be shared with staff only to the extent they need to know in order to monitor your child's health.

The age that the diagnosis was made may have an impact on how she accepts or denies the fact that she has diabetes. If the denial is such that important details are being ignored, a referral to a counselor may be necessary. Your HCP, endocrinologist, diabetes educator, and school nurse are all appropriate referral sources.

12. *A parent support group would really have helped to keep me from "rediscovering the wheel." What are the possibilities of that being developed?*

An excellent resource is the American Diabetes Association. Your hospital, your diabetes educator, and your HCP are other resources to connect your family with support groups. Within the school district it will be very individual. If there are parents of children with diabetes that are willing to share phone numbers, this can be a marvelous "help" line. The district's school nurse is the most appropriate contact for this kind of assistance. The nurse can inquire if other parents are willing to share their thoughts and phone numbers. Due to confidentiality issues, it cannot be assumed that individuals would be willing to share such information.

13. *How does the school address the difference between “special education” issues and a student with diabetes who experiences multiple high and low blood sugar readings that might impact his or her educational performance?*

Diabetes is always a disability under the Section 504 plan, and in most cases requires accommodations within the school setting. However, for a student with diabetes to be eligible for special education, he or she must be determined to have a health impairment that substantially limits learning **and requires special education.**

When a student is failing in the classroom and the school district suspects that this failure may be the result of a disability, the district has an obligation to determine if the student needs to be evaluated to determine if she or he has a disability and needs special education or accommodations under a Section 504 plan. If the district determines that an evaluation is necessary, it must get parent permission prior to conducting the evaluation and it must involve the parents in the eligibility determination meeting. It is during this evaluation process that the district and family must differentiate between the need for special education learning assistance and the diabetes medical management issues. A student experiencing multiple high and low blood sugar readings and having no specific learning problems would not qualify for special education but would be eligible for accommodations under a Section 504 plan.

14. *What will happen if a disaster (i.e., an earthquake) occurs while my child is at school?*

The Washington State Military Department/Emergency Management Division recommends that schools in Washington develop a disaster plan for each of their buildings. Additionally, RCW 28A.320.125 directs local school districts to develop individual comprehensive safe school plans. These plans are to include prevention, intervention, all hazards/crisis response, and post crisis recovery. Students that have special needs will require targeted planning. A “disaster preparedness/three day emergency readiness” plan has been developed for students with diabetes (Appendix O). It outlines the supply and food needs as well as providing information about how to draw up and administer insulin. As a parent, you will be responsible for providing the “emergency” food, insulin, and supplies for the disaster preparedness kit.

15. *What do I do if my child’s recess or P.E. class comes just before lunch?*

Depending on what kind of insulin your child is on, she or he may need a small additional snack before exercise to prevent low blood sugar. An additional blood sugar test may be helpful as sometimes a little activity will bring them into the target range and decrease the need for lunchtime insulin. These preparations should be part of the student’s IHP/Section 504 plan.

16. *Can my child go to her or his neighborhood school?*

Maybe and maybe not.... It may depend upon whether the child’s IHP/Section 504 plan, jointly developed by parents and the school nurse with responsibility for care of the student during the school day, states the child needs to be at a school with a school nurse.

17. *What if I am unhappy with some aspect of my child’s IHP/Section 504 plan?*

Request an IHP/Section 504 plan meeting to discuss the matter or consult Appendix G, Parent/Student Right in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement to determine how to challenge the IHP/Section 504 plan.

18. *For additional questions regarding PDAs, please see Appendix I.*

LIVING WITH DIABETES

Living with diabetes is a challenge met not only by the child newly diagnosed, but also by his or her family (parents and siblings), school system (teachers, nurses, counselors, coaches, physical education instructors), HCP, and other individuals caring for her or him. Meeting the challenge of living with this diagnosis is thus a “team effort” that hinges on the skills of communication, creativity, flexibility, adaptability, and consistency. While no one can predict the unique challenges faced by every child or family, specific challenges are always to be expected.

These include:

1. **Physical challenges** taking place in the child’s body as it deals with the manifestations of high and low blood glucose.
2. **Emotional challenges** as the child and his or her family confront the continual frustration and struggles imposed on them by this new illness and the reality of a lifelong chronic illness.
3. **Practical challenges** imposed by the need for (and inconvenience of) multiple daily insulin injections and blood sugar monitoring, nutrition and exercise management, and other routine schedule changes.
4. **Systemic challenges** as the child’s illness impacts his or her family, school system, day care, peer, and other environments.

Despite these multiple challenges, perhaps THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE met by the newly diagnosed child is her or his need and desire to be no more unique, different, or special than any other child in the classroom, day care, or family environment. Maintaining sensitivity to this fact, particularly at the time of diagnosis, is critical in creating an atmosphere of understanding, emotional privacy and safety, and acceptance. Several key principles are provided below and are intended as **general** guidelines that may be helpful in meeting the challenge of living with diabetes within multiple settings.

1. **DO NOT ASSUME THE CHILD WANTS (OR DOES NOT WANT) OTHERS TO KNOW OF HIS/HER DIAGNOSIS.** Despite visible equipment, insulin injections, snacks, trips to the office, etc., which are easily viewed by other children, children with diabetes generally prefer to keep their diagnosis private. Always communicate with the child to assess her and his need (or yours) to give others knowledge of the child’s diagnosis and if they want their classmates to be given instruction about diabetes or a classmate to become a “special buddy” for monitoring activities and symptoms. The parents of the “special buddy” would need to be involved.
2. **CHILDREN AT DIFFERENT AGES HAVE VARYING LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THEIR DIAGNOSIS.** Use developmentally-appropriate language when speaking to children about their diabetes and other issues.
3. **NEEDS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND ASSISTANCE MAY VARY WITH AGE AND LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES.** Frequent “check-ins” with a child regarding her or his need for independence or assistance are very helpful in keeping feelings of anxiety and frustration to a minimum and help reduce the risk of complication due to oversight or lack of knowledge. If uncertain of what level of assistance a child requires for appropriate management, don’t assume: ASK.
4. **CHILDREN COME WITH FAMILIES, TEACHERS, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS.** Thus, treatment of the “system” is critical in creating consistency of treatment for the child. It is also

important to recognize that the child's illness is also affecting the system, not just the child. Take care to assess the emotional needs of parents, siblings, schoolteachers, and others who care for the child.

4. **WHEN WORKING TOWARD INDEPENDENCE, MAKE EXPECTATIONS CLEAR TO THE CHILD.** If you are uncertain if a child can reliably demonstrate a skill related to her or his diabetes management, have him or her demonstrate it for you.
6. **PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES.** Having extra supplies on hand at several locations is critical and should not be overlooked. Create a checklist of needed supplies, snacks, emergency numbers, etc. Check and update it regularly.
7. **PLAN AHEAD.** Children require assistance with field trips, overnight stays, and other events. Looking ahead can easily prevent the likelihood that an emergency may occur and can decrease the number of events that a child must miss due to diabetes. Be creative. Be flexible.
8. **SEEK HELP WHEN HELP IS NEEDED.** Do this early and often. If you wait for a crisis before allowing others to help, you are modeling this behavior to the child.
9. **PUT IT IN WRITING.** Make an informal agreement. This can be helpful in preventing miscommunication between parents and children, school personnel, and others. Have all necessary parties sign, including the child. Keep the agreement visible and review and change as needed. The IHP/Section 504 plan is an ideal means of "putting it in writing."
10. **COOPERATE, COMMUNICATE, AND CREATE.** Use these concepts as your guiding force in maximizing the child's opportunities for success. This is a lifelong illness—don't forget to smile and laugh along the way.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- The American Diabetes Association 2004 Resource Guide: Supplement to the Diabetes Forecast.*
- Care of Children with Diabetes in the School and Daycare Setting.* ADA: Clinical Practice Recommendations. *Diabetes Care*, Supplement 1, 1999, S94–S97.
- Chase, H. Peter. *Understanding Diabetes*, 10th Edition, Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, 2002.
- A Core Curriculum for Diabetes Education*, Fifth Edition, American Association of Diabetes Educators, Chicago, 2003.
- The Diabetes and Complications Trial Research Group.* The effect of intensive treatment of diabetes on the development and progression of long-term complications in insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus. *New England Journal of Medicine* 1993; 329:977–986.
- Diabetes Health Magazine, Educational Resource Guide and Industry Outlook*, Fall 2004.
- Guidelines for Implementation of Hepatitis B and HIV School Employee Training:* State of Washington, OSPI, May 1992.
- Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel.* A joint program of the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, June 2003. Available online at: www.ndep.nih.gov/resources/school.htm.
- A Parent and Educator Guide to Free Appropriate Public Education (under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973):* Puget Sound Educational Service District, November 2002.
- Taking Diabetes to School: Training Nurses, Teachers, Administrators, and Support Staff How to Care for a Child With Diabetes at School*, Woodinville Pediatrics, 1999—Video. Available to check out through OSPI, Health Services, 360/725-6040. To order a copy you may call 425/483-5437.
- WISHA Bloodborne Pathogens Regulations. The complete WAC 296-823 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens is available by contacting the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries at 1/800-4BE-SAFE (1/800-423-7233) or online at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/rules/bbpathogens/PDFs/823-Complete.pdf>.

Appendix A

APPENDIX A

RCW 28A.210.330

Students with diabetes -- Individual health plans -- Designation of professional to consult and coordinate with parents and health care provider -- Training and supervision of school district personnel.

(1) School districts shall provide individual health plans for students with diabetes, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The board of directors of the school district shall adopt policies to be followed for students with diabetes. The policies shall include, but need not be limited to:

(i) The acquisition of parent requests and instructions;

(ii) The acquisition of orders from licensed health professionals prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority for monitoring and treatment at school;

(iii) The provision for storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent;

(iv) The provision for students to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and have easy access to necessary supplies and equipment to perform monitoring and treatment functions as specified in the individual health plan. The policies shall include the option for students to carry on their persons the necessary supplies and equipment and the option to perform monitoring and treatment functions anywhere on school grounds including the students' classrooms, and at school-sponsored events;

(v) The establishment of school policy exceptions necessary to accommodate the students' needs to eat whenever and wherever necessary, have easy, unrestricted access to water and bathroom use, have provisions made for parties at school when food is served, eat meals and snacks on time, and other necessary exceptions as described in the individual health plan;

(vi) The assurance that school meals are never withheld because of nonpayment of fees or disciplinary action;

(vii) A description of the students' school day schedules for timing of meals, snacks, blood sugar testing, insulin injections, and related activities;

(viii) The development of individual emergency plans;

(ix) The distribution of the individual health plan to appropriate staff based on

the students' needs and staff level of contact with the students;

(x) The possession of legal documents for parent-designated adults to provide care, if needed; and

(xi) The updating of the individual health plan at least annually or more frequently, as needed; and

(b) The board of directors, in the course of developing the policies in (a) of this subsection, shall seek advice from one or more licensed physicians or nurses or diabetes educators who are nationally certified.

(2)(a) For the purposes of this section, "parent-designated adult" means a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a health care professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents, and who provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan.

(b) To be eligible to be a parent-designated adult, a school district employee not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW shall file, without coercion by the employer, a voluntary written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating the employee's willingness to be a parent-designated adult. If a school employee who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW chooses not to file a letter under this section, the employee shall not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter.

(3) The board of directors shall designate a professional person licensed under chapter 18.71, 18.57, or 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to consult and coordinate with the student's parents and health care provider, and train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care for students with diabetes to ensure a safe, therapeutic learning environment. Training may also be provided by a diabetes educator who is nationally certified. Parent-designated adults who are school employees are required to receive the training provided under this subsection. Parent-designated adults who are not school employees shall show evidence of comparable training. The parent-designated adult must also receive additional training as established in subsection (2)(a) of this section for the additional care the parents have authorized the parent-designated adult to provide. The professional person designated under this subsection is not responsible for the supervision of the parent-designated adult for those procedures that are authorized by the parents.

[2002 c 350 § 2.]

NOTES:

Findings -- 2002 c 350: "The legislature finds that diabetes imposes significant health risks to students enrolled in the state's public schools and that providing for the medical needs of students with diabetes is crucial to ensure both the safety of students with diabetes and their ability to obtain the education guaranteed to all citizens of the state. The legislature also finds that children with diabetes can and should be provided with a safe learning environment and access to all other nonacademic school-sponsored activities. The legislature further finds that an individual health plan for each child with diabetes should be in place in the student's school and should include provisions for a parental signed release form, medical equipment and storage capacity, and exceptions from school policies, school schedule, meals and eating, disaster preparedness, inservice training for staff, legal documents for parent-designated adults who may provide care, as needed, and personnel guidelines describing who may assume responsibility for activities contained in the student's individual health plan." [2002 c 350 § 1.]

Effective date -- 2002 c 350: "This act takes effect July 1, 2002." [2002 c 350 § 5.]

RCW 28A.210.340

Students with diabetes -- Adoption of policy for inservice training for school staff.

The superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of the department of health shall develop a uniform policy for all school districts providing for the inservice training for school staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes and on the additional observations that may be needed in different situations that may arise during the school day and during school-sponsored events. The policy shall include the standards and skills that must be in place for inservice training of school staff.

[2002 c 350 § 3.]

NOTES:

Findings -- Effective date -- 2002 c 350: See notes following RCW [28A.210.330](#).

RCW 28A.210.350

Students with diabetes -- Compliance with individual health plan -- Immunity.

A school district, school district employee, agent, or parent-designated adult who, acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual

health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional, provides assistance or services under RCW [28A.210.330](#) shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under RCW [28A.210.330](#) to students with diabetes.

[2002 c 350 § 4.]

NOTES:

Findings -- Effective date -- 2002 c 350: See notes following RCW [28A.210.330](#).

Appendix B

APPENDIX B

*INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLAN SECTION 504 PLAN

Student:	School:
Birthdate:	Grade:
Address:	Phone:
Physician:	Mother:
Contact number:	Home:
	Work:
	Pager/Cell Phone:
Effective date:	Father:
Parent-designated adult:	Home:
Home phone:	Work:
Cell phone:	Pager/Cell Phone:

Brief History:

Age of onset:	Results and date of Hemoglobin A1C test:
Date(s) of recent hospitalizations:	
Concurrent illness or disability:	Related social/emotional factors:

Level of Independence (attach copy of "HCP Orders for Children with Diabetes in Washington State Schools") (Appendix K).

PURPOSE: To promote student self management of diabetes, recognize signs of high and low blood sugar, and provide appropriate assistance and/or emergency care.

PLAN: **Daily Diabetes Routines**

- **Daily snacks at school (time):** _____
- **Recess times:** ____ a.m. ____ p.m.
- **Blood sugar monitoring:**
Time: _____ Location: _____
Additional tests: as needed when having symptoms of low blood sugar.
- **Insulin injection:**
Time: _____ Location: _____
- **Lunch eaten at (time):** _____
- **PE days and times:** _____
- **Notify parents of shortened school day.**

***Parents to establish plan with the school nurse and with HCP orders.**

1) In event of field trips, all diabetes supplies are taken and care is provided:

- By accompanying parent or parent-designated adult.
- According to procedure developed prior to field trip.
- According to low/high blood sugar school plans.
- Notify parent prior to planned field trip.

2) In event of classroom/school parties, food treats will be handled as follows:

- Student will eat treat.
- Replace with parent supplied alternative.
- Modify the treat as follows:
- Schedule extra insulin per prearranged plan.

3) Scheduled after school activities:

- List:
- Low/high blood sugar after school plan to:
 - Supervisor with instruction.
 - Parent-designated adult.

4) Attach copies of High Blood Sugar School Plan and Low Blood Sugar School Plan*.

***NEVER SEND A CHILD WITH LOW OR HIGH BLOOD SUGAR ANYWHERE ALONE.**

5) Activities student can self manage:

- Totally independent management.

OR

A. Blood sugar monitoring:

- Student monitors independently.
- Student monitors with verification of number on meter by designated staff.
- Student needs help with monitoring and/or to be done by school nurse or parent-designated adult.
- Monitoring needs to be done by nurse or parent-designated adult.

B. Insulin injection:

- Administers independently.
- Student self injects with verification of number on insulin pen by designated staff.
- Student self injects (syringe or pen) with school nurse supervision and/or administration by nurse or parent-designated adult.
- Administration by nurse or parent-designated adult.

C. Self treats mild hypoglycemia.

D. Monitors own snacks and meals.

E. Monitors and interprets own ketones.

F. Student implements universal precautions when lancing finger and disposing of lancets/syringes.

6) Equipment and Supplies:

<p>EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY PARENT.</p>	<p>Blood Sugar Meter Kit (includes all blood monitoring supplies for school).</p> <p>Low Blood Sugar Supplies:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>For Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast-acting carbohydrate drinks: apple juice and/or orange juice and soda pop (regular, not diet)—6 pack. • Glucose tablets. • Glucose gel product. • Gel Cakemate (not frosting) (19gm. Mini-purse size). • Pre-packaged snacks (such as cracker/cheese; crackers/peanut butter, etc.) times 5–6. <p>Daily Snacks: (for a.m./p.m. snack times): _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Disaster Supplies (check x):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food supply for 3 days stored in: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low blood sugar supplies.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medication and medical supplies stored in: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insulin pen and needles.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insulin and syringes.</p> <p>Other Supplies (specify): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Disaster Plan attached.</p>
--	---	--

7) School bus driver instruction:

- Call parent to pick up student if a low blood sugar episode occurs 30 minutes or less prior to departure regardless if sugar returns to normal reading.
- Student to eat snack on bus if part of care plan or if having signs of low blood sugar and able to swallow.
- Driver to call for special directions.

Date of next plan review: _____
 Must be reviewed before the next school year unless there is a change requiring earlier revision.

_____	Parent	_____	Date	_____	School Nurse	_____	Date
_____	Student	_____	Date	_____	Physician (optional)	_____	Date
_____						Parent-designated adult (if one has been assigned)	Date

***INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLAN
SECTION 504 PLAN
Independent Management**

Student:	School:
Birthdate:	Grade:
Address:	Phone:
Physician:	Mother:
Contact number:	Home:
	Work:
	Pager/Cell Phone:
Effective date:	Father:
Parent-designated adult:	Home:
Home phone:	Work:
Cell phone:	Pager/Cell Phone:

Brief History:

Age of onset:	Result and date of Hemoglobin A1C test:
Date(s) of recent hospitalizations:	
Concurrent illness or disability:	Related social/emotional factors:

Level of Independence (attach copy of "HCP Orders for Children with Diabetes in Washington State Schools") (Appendix K).

PURPOSE: To promote student self management of diabetes, recognize signs of high and low blood sugar, and provided appropriate assistance and/or emergency care.

PLAN: Daily Diabetes Routines

- **Blood sugar monitoring:**
Time: _____ Location: _____
Additional tests: as needed when having symptoms of low blood sugar.
- **Insulin injection:**
Time: _____ Location: _____
- **Lunch eaten at (time):** _____
- **Notify parents of shortened school day.**

1) Scheduled after school activities:

List: _____

2) Attach copies of High Blood Sugar School Plan and Low Blood Sugar School Plan.**

3) Student is:

Totally independent in management of their diabetes.

***Parents to establish plan with school, the nurse, and with HCP orders.**

****NEVER SEND A CHILD WITH LOW OR HIGH BLOOD SUGAR ANYWHERE ALONE.**

4) Equipment and Supplies:

<p>EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY PARENT.</p>	<p>Blood Sugar Meter Kit (includes all blood monitoring supplies for school). Low Blood Sugar Supplies: _____ _____</p> <p>For Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast-acting carbohydrate drinks: apple juice and/or orange juice and soda pop (regular, not diet)—6 pack. • Glucose tablets. • Glucose gel product. • Gel Cakemate (not frosting) (19 gm. mini-purse size). • Pre-packaged snacks (such as cracker/cheese; crackers/peanut butter, etc.) times 5–6. <p>Daily Snacks (for a.m./p.m. snack times): _____ _____</p>	<p>Disaster Supplies (check x):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food supply for 3 days stored in: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low blood sugar supplies.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medication and medical supplies stored in: _____ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insulin pen and needles.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insulin and syringes.</p> <p>Other Supplies (specify): _____ _____ _____</p> <p>Disaster Plan attached.</p>
---	--	---

5) School bus driver instruction:

- Student is independent in managing low blood sugars during bus transportation. Unless displaying symptoms of moderate to severe low blood sugar, follow instructions for low blood sugar (page 14).

Date of next plan review: _____
 Must be reviewed before the next school year unless there is a change requiring earlier revision.

Parent	Date	School Nurse	Date
Student	Date	MD/DO/PA/ARNP	Date
Parent-designated adult (if one has been assigned)			Date

Appendix D

APPENDIX D

DIABETES CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL NURSES

(DATES)

- _____ 1. School nurse is notified that student with diabetes will be attending school.
- _____ 2. Call or arrange meeting/home visit with parent/care provider.
 - a. Discuss parent/student expectations of diabetes care while at school.
 - b. Discuss details of diabetes management plan and potential accommodations.
 - c. Determine the equipment and supplies needed for school and obtain prior to admittance.
 - d. Determine supplies needed for Disaster Kit (see Appendix N) and obtain prior to admittance.
 - e. Discuss plans for communication with parent and HCP.
 - f. Discuss role of health services, personnel, and parent-designated adult if indicated.
 - g. Have parent sign an exchange of medical information.
 - h. Obtain parent/guardian request for care and other legal documents as needed.
- _____ 3. Meeting with parents, school nurse, and other significantly involved members of the school staff. Typical accommodation issues:
 - a. Management of low blood sugar.
 1. Who?
 2. Where?
 3. When?
 4. When and how to communicate to parents?
 - b. Management of high blood sugar.
 1. Who?
 2. When?
 3. How?
 4. When and how to communicate to parents?
 - c. Blood testing.
 1. Who?
 2. Where?
 3. When?
 4. What to do with results?
 5. When and how to communicate to parent?
 - d. Insulin administration.
 1. Who?
 2. Where?
 3. When?
 4. Who determines dose within the HCP/doctor orders?
 5. When and how to communicate to parent?
 6. Manufacturer's instructions for insulin pen or pump supplied by parent.
 - e. Meals and snacks.
 1. Who?
 2. What's too much or too little/monitoring?
 3. When and who to notify?
 4. Where (location)?
 5. Replacement.
 6. Special occasions (parties, field trips).

- f. Bathroom privileges.
 - g. Access to drinking water.
 - h. Transportation.
 1. Who?
 2. What route?
 3. When?
 - i. After-school activities.
 1. When?
 2. Where?
 3. Orders?
 - j. Identify and obtain legal documents for consent and authorization of treatment and exchange of information.
 - k. Identify and obtain legal document for parent-designated adult if needed.
- _____ 4. Review school day schedule and assess level of independence.
- _____ 5. Identify potential issues requiring accommodations.
- _____ 6. Clarify specifics of treatment using HCP Orders form and authorization by HCP (Appendix K).
- _____ 7. Develop IHP/Section 504 plan (Appendix B), Low and High Blood Sugar School Plan, (Appendix P and Q) and Disaster Preparedness plan (Appendix O).
- _____ 8. Determine which staff will be trained and arrange for education dates prior to student's admittance. Arrange for back-up personnel or system.
- _____ 9. Notify and educate personnel working with student (secretary, lunchroom and playground personnel, principal, transportation, coaches). Maintain diabetes training record of who received the entire IHP/Section 504 plan and who received only the High and Low Blood Sugar School plans.
- _____ 10. Classroom education if requested by parent or child.
 - a. By whom?
- _____ 11. Monitor staff and student.
- _____ 12. Annual review of IHP/Section 504 plan and/or revise as needed.

*Adapted with permission from form of the Orange County Department of Education, Costa Mesa, CA and the Orange County School Nurses Association.

Appendix E

APPENDIX E

Required District Policies and Sample Policy


School District Responsibilities

Districts are directed to seek the advice from one or more licensed physicians, nurses, or diabetes educators who are nationally certified in the course of developing the policies.

A. The policies must address:

- The acquisition of orders from a HCP prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority for monitoring and treatment at school. You may refer to Appendix K of the *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes*, May 2005 for a sample form.
- The provision for storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.
- The provision for students to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and have easy access to necessary supplies and equipment to perform monitoring and treatment functions as specified in the IHP/Section 504 plan.
- The option for students to carry on their persons the necessary supplies and equipment.
- The option to perform monitoring and treatment functions anywhere on school grounds including the students' classrooms, and at school-sponsored events (as explained in the *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes*).
- The exceptions to school policy necessary to accommodate the students' needs to:
 - (1) Eat whenever and wherever necessary.
 - (2) Have easy, unrestricted access to water and bathroom use.
 - (3) Participate in parties at school when food is served.
 - (4) Eat meals and snacks on time.
 - (5) Other necessary exceptions as described in the IHP/Section 504 plan.
- The assurance that school meals will not be withheld because of nonpayment of fees or disciplinary action.
- The inclusion of a description in the IHP/Section 504 plan of the students' school day schedules for timing of meals, snacks, blood sugar testing, insulin injections, and related activities.
- The development of individual emergency plans.
- The distribution of the IHP/Section 504 plan to appropriate staff based on the students' needs and staff level of contact with the students.
- The district's possession of legal documents for the PDA to provide care, if needed.
- The updating of the IHP/Section 504 plan at least annually or more frequently, as needed. The Seattle School District policy is included as a sample.

It is suggested that school district administrators consult with their attorney when developing district policy.

	<p>Diabetic Students</p>	<p>H 58.00 Adopted 2003 Page 1 of 1</p>
---	--------------------------	---

POLICY


It is the policy of the Seattle School Board that students with diabetes be afforded a safe learning environment and access to all academic and non-academic activities.

All students with diabetes shall have an Individual Health Care Plan. Such plan shall be created pursuant to the requirements outlined in the attached Diabetes Procedure, H 58.01.

Reference: RCW 28A.210.330—.350

Cross Reference: Diabetes Procedure H 58.01
Life-Threatening Policy H 59.00
Life-Threatening Procedure H 59.01
Medications at School Policy H60.05

Included with permission from Jill Lewis, Seattle Public Schools, Student Health Services

	<p>DIABETIC STUDENTS PROCEDURE</p>	<p>H 58.01 Adopted 2003 Page 1 of 3</p>
---	--	---

**BOARD ADOPTED
PROCEDURE**

I. Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP)

All students known to have diabetes must have an IHCP in place at school. The plan must be distributed to appropriate staff, and must include the following information:


- a. Provisions for the storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent;
- b. Provisions for the student to perform tests and treatments anywhere on school grounds including in the classroom and at school-sponsored events, to have easy access to necessary supplies and equipment, and to carry necessary supplies and equipment on his or her person;
- c. A description of the student's school day schedule for the timing of meals, snacks, blood sugar testing, insulin injections, and related activities;
- d. An individualized emergency care plan that plans for both a health emergency for the student and a school emergency such as an earthquake;
- e. Legal documents allowing a parent-designated adult to provide care, if the parent has designated such a person.
- f. Any parent requests and instructions, as well as orders from licensed health professionals.

If the student needs medications/treatments while at school, a Medication at School Authorization Form must be completed for each medication/treatment.

The IHCP must be updated at least annually, or more frequently if necessary.

II. Food and Drink

Students with diabetes must be allowed to eat or drink whenever and wherever necessary, including on the bus or in other areas where food and drink are generally prohibited. Students with diabetes must have unrestricted access to water and bathroom use. Food or water shall never be withheld as a disciplinary action or because of nonpayment of fees.

	<p>DIABETIC STUDENTS PROCEDURE</p>	<p>H 58.01 Adopted 2003 Page 2 of 3</p>
---	--	---

III. Parent-Designated Adult (PDA)

A PDA is a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a health care professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents, and who provides care for the student consistent with the student's IHCP.

To be eligible to be a PDA, a school employee who is not a licensed nurse must file a voluntarily written letter of intent with the school nurse. The letter must be dated, and shall be valid for not longer than one year. An employee who is not a licensed nurse and who wants to act as a PDA must file a valid letter of intent each year. No employee who refuses to file such a letter shall be subject to reprisal or disciplinary action. No employee may be coerced into filing such a letter.

A non-employee may become a PDA by filing a letter of intent with the school nurse and by completing the non-school employee training as outlined below.

PDA's must receive training as indicated below.

The Nursing Supervisor or nurse designee is not responsible for the supervision of the PDA for those procedures that are authorized by the parents.


IV. Training—School Employees

Inservice Training

In schools attended by diabetic students, all school employees must undergo an inservice training on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes and on the additional observations that may be needed in different situations that may arise during the school day and during school sponsored events.

Specific Training

All school employees who have responsibility for diabetic students must complete training in proper procedures for care of students with diabetes. Either the Nursing Supervisor or his or her nurse designee will offer such training. Such training must include information on individual students' IHCP requirements, as well as information on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes.

	<p style="text-align: center;">DIABETIC STUDENTS PROCEDURE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H 58.01 Adopted 2003 Page 3 of 3</p>
---	--	---

The Nursing Supervisor or nurse designee shall train school employees.

V. Training—PDAs

PDAs who are school employees must undergo both the *Inservice* and the *Specific* trainings, as outlined above. PDAs who are not school employees must show evidence of comparable training. Additionally, all PDAs must receive training from a health care professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents. This additional training is required to allow the PDA to provide the additional care the parents have authorized the PDA to provide.

VI. Indemnity

State law provides that a school district, school district employee, agent, or PDA who, acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student’s IHCP and the instructions of the student’s licensed health care professional, provides assistance or services under RCW 28A.210.330 shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under this law.

Reference: RCW 28A.210.330—.350

Cross Reference: Diabetes Policy H 58.00

Medications at School Policy H 60.05

Life-Threatening Conditions Policy H 59.00

Life-Threatening Conditions Procedure H 59.01

Appendix F

APPENDIX F

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXCHANGE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

This appendix contains a sample form for Authorization for Exchange of Medical Information. School districts will require parents to sign this form or one developed by the school district to obtain access to the student's health records.

Districts may also require parents to sign a consent form for the district staff to provide healthcare, treatments, and special healthcare procedures. These forms will be provided by the individual school district and conform to district policy and requirements.

Authorization for Exchange of Medical Information

SECTION I—INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM

NAME/AGENCY	NAME OF PERSON DISCLOSING INFORMATION
ADDRESS	TITLE

Name of Student _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Specific nature of information to be disclosed:

SECTION II—AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the release of medical information as described in section I to the individuals who are affiliated with the school/agency indicated in section III.

This authorization expires 90 days after the date it is signed. This authorization expires on: _____

Parent Signature		Date
Student Signature *		Date

* If the student is a minor but is authorized to consent to health care without parental consent under federal and state law only the student shall sign this authorization form.

Students Consent:

- HIVAIDS status, diagnosis, treatment—14 years of age
- Family Planning/Abortion—no age limit
- Alcohol/Drug Treatment—13 years of age
- Mental Health Services—13 years of age

SECTION III—AGENCY RECEIVING INFORMATION

NAME/AGENCY	<p>This information disclosed to you is protected by state and federal law. You are prohibited from releasing it to any agency or person not listed on this form without specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains. A general authorization for release of medical or other information is not sufficient. See chapter 70.02 RCW.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Envelope shall be marked “CONFIDENTIAL”</p>
ADDRESS	
_____ Name of School Psychologist	
_____ Name of School Nurse	
_____ Name of Other (indicate position title)	

Appendix G

APPENDIX G

Notice of Parent/Guardian and Student Rights Under Section 504

This is a notice of your rights under Section 504. These rights are designed to keep you fully informed about the district's decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of those decisions.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child participate in and benefit from the district's education program without discrimination based on disability.
2. An explanation of your and your child's rights under Section 504.
3. Receive notice before the district takes any action regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
4. Refuse consent for the initial evaluation and initial placement of your child.
5. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes your child's right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the district provide related aids and services to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school activities.
6. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
7. Have your child receive special education services if she/he needs such services.
8. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions for your child based upon information from a variety of sources, by a group of persons who know your child, your child's evaluation data, and placement options.
9. Have your child be provided an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
10. Have educational and related aids and services provided to your child without cost except for those fees imposed on the parents/guardians of nondisabled children.
11. Examine your child's education records and obtain a copy of such records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
12. A response to your reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's education records.
13. Request the district to amend your child's education records if you believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the district refuses this request, you have the right to challenge such refusal.
14. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing to challenge actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests can be made to the district's 504 coordinator.
15. Ask for payment of reasonable attorney's fees if you are successful on your claim.
16. File a local grievance or a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights.

The person in this district who is responsible for ensuring that the district complies with Section 504 is: _____.

Appendix H

APPENDIX H

Uniform Staff Training Policy: Students with Diabetes

RCW 28A.210.340 requires that inservice training on diabetes be provided by all school districts for school personnel. "The superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of the department of health shall develop a uniform policy for all school districts providing for the inservice training for school staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes, and on the additional observations that may be needed in different situations that may arise during the school day and during school sponsored events. The policy shall include the standards and skills that must be in place for inservice training of school staff."

1. Local School Board Responsibility

- All local school boards shall designate a professional person licensed as a R.N., A.R.N.P., M.D., D.O., or a nationally certified diabetes educator to provide inservice training for school staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes. Due to the changing nature of diabetes management, it is advised that the licensed professionals be competent in current diabetes management techniques.

2. Parent-Designated Adult Responsibility

- Parent-designated adults who **are** school employees are required to receive the training in symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes provided by the school district.
- Parent-designated adults who **are not** school employees must show evidence of training in symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes that is comparable to what the school district provides. It is recommended that parent-designated adults who are not school district employees participate in the school district training for school personnel **directly** involved with student(s) with diabetes.
- **All** parent-designated adults must receive additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in diabetes care, selected by the parent, for the additional care the parents have authorized the parent-designated adult to provide, which is included in the Individualized Health Plan (IHP).
- Appendix I of these *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes (2005)* have been revised to reflect that a parent-designated adult may be a paid school staff member.

APPENDIX H

Uniform Staff Training Policy: Students with Diabetes

3. Training Guidelines

- Training in symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes and related standards and skills are to be guided by the most recent edition of the *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes*. The use of these Guidelines is not intended to replace clinical judgment or individualized consultation with medical care providers. Refer to attached chart on how to use the guidelines for training, and for detailed topics to be included in both brief and intensive training curricula.

4. Training Levels

- General training in symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes is designed for school personnel **indirectly** involved with student(s) with diabetes. School personnel that may be included are office staff, athletic personnel/coaches, bus drivers, custodians, cooks, teaching staff, paraprofessionals, and others.
- Intensive training in symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of diabetes is designed for school personnel **directly** involved with the student(s) with diabetes. This training may include teacher(s), coaches, a parent-designated adult who is or is not a school employee, and others who are appropriate for the training. The Individual Health Plan directs both the content to be included and the personnel.

5. Frequency

- The optimal training time is prior to the first day of school **each** school year.
- Additional training of select personnel may need to occur during the school year if:
 - A new student transfers into the school district.
 - An enrolled student is newly diagnosed.
 - Treatment changes occur.

6. Resource

- *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes* (May 2005). Available from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's Web site: www.k12.wa.us. To order the document, call 1-888-59 LEARN. Refer to document number 05-0013. Refer to the law in Chapter 350, Laws of 2002 (C350L02).

APPENDIX H

Uniform Staff Training Policy: Students with Diabetes

Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes Recommended Standards and Skills

This table will serve as a guide to the *Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes*. The content necessary to include in the training for symptoms, treatment, and management of diabetes for both the brief inservice for all school personnel and the comprehensive training is included. This table refers to the Guidelines dated August 2004. Comprehensive training will be individualized according to the Individual Health Plan that is developed by the school nurse with the parent and the student.

Topic (as found in Guidelines table of contents)	General (page in Guidelines)	Intensive: Teacher and Parent- Designated Adult (page in Guidelines)
Overview of rationale for Individual Health Plan (IHP).	6–7	App. B
Detailed process for completing the IHP with samples.	6–7	App. B
Overview of diabetes.	8	8
Insulin action, delivery and storage specific to child.		9–11
Blood sugar testing rationale and brief process.	12	12
Diabetes supplies.		13, App. O
Low blood sugar.	14, 22	14, 22, App. P
High blood sugar, illness, ketones.	15, 23	15, 23, App. Q
Overview of nutrition/meal planning/snacks and balancing with insulin and activity.	16–19	16–19, App. R, App S
Specific meal plan for child while at school.		17
Exercise and sports.	20	20
Personnel guidelines for care.		21–25
Suggested accommodations – the law.	26–27	26–27
Health care provider orders.		App. K
Parent-designated adult.	App. I	App. I, App. V
Questions and concerns raised by parents.	28–31	28–31
Disaster preparedness.		App. O

Appendix I

APPENDIX I

Parent-Designated Adults

RCW 28A.210.330 through 350 allows parents to designate an adult through proper legal procedures to assist the student in managing his or her diabetes (see Appendix A). The statute defines a Parent-Designated Adult (PDA) as "a volunteer, who may be a school employee, who receives additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in diabetes care selected by the parents, and who provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan." Parents, rather than the school, are responsible for the training of the PDA.

The new statute requires districts to provide **an individual health plan (IHP) for each child with diabetes**. As a part of an IHP, parents may choose to designate an unrelated adult, or PDA, to provide care such as blood sugar monitoring and/or insulin administration that would otherwise be performed by a health professional licensed under RCW 18.79. The volunteer PDA may be a school district employee.

If a PDA is a school employee, the district must keep on file a voluntarily written, current, and unexpired letter of intent from the employee to act as a PDA. This letter must be filed without coercion from the employer. Additionally, the letter must state the employee's willingness to be a volunteer PDA. Included in this appendix is a model document to meet this requirement. School district employees may not be subject to any reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter. Furthermore, school districts should keep on file documentation of the required additional training that **all** PDAs must receive for the additional care the PDA may provide as authorized by the parent, such as insulin or glucagon injections and blood glucose monitoring procedures. Again, a model form for documentation is included in this appendix.

R.N.s and A.R.N.P.s may not delegate procedures such as blood glucose monitoring and insulin injections to unlicensed staff. Thus, the new law provides that the designated licensed professional is not responsible for the supervision of the PDA for those procedures that cannot be delegated and are authorized by the parent for the PDA to provide.

Parents' responsibilities in regards to PDAs

- Provide written authorization for a PDA to provide additional care, specifying the additional care so authorized. This may include blood glucose testing and injections.
- Coordinate with the district-designated licensed professional to ensure that the additional care authorized for the PDA to provide is consistent with the child's IHP.
- Arrange for a healthcare professional or an expert in diabetes to provide training for the additional care that the parent authorizes the PDA to provide. A health professional licensed under RCW 18.79 would otherwise perform this care.

Parent-Designated Adult Responsibilities

- Voluntarily submit to the school district a written, current, and unexpired letter of intent. This letter must state the employee's willingness to be a volunteer **PDA** and must be submitted at least annually.
- Schedule appointments with school staff.
- Attend school district training offered for staff directly involved in care of student with diabetes. The PDA, if not a district employee, may provide documentation of comparable training in lieu of attending district offered training.
- Complete and provide documentation of training for **additional** care authorized by the parents.
- Deliver care consistent with the IHP.

Liability

A school district, school district employee, agent, or PDA is not liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacities as a result of the services provided if he or she:

- Acts in good faith.
- Acts in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan, and the instructions of the student's licensed healthcare professional.
- Provides assistance or services as outlined in this new law.

MODEL VOLUNTARY PARENT-DESIGNATED ADULT NOTICE OF INTENT

Washington State requires public school districts to address the medical needs of students with diabetes. The school district uses this document to certify that a person intends to serve or continue to serve as a volunteer parent-designated adult pursuant to Chapter 350, Laws of 2002 which added sections to RCW 28A.210.

For the purposes of this form, "parent-designated adult" means: a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents, and who provides care, if needed, for the child consistent with the individual health plan. The "additional training" is for care that would otherwise be performed by a health professional licensed under RCW 18.79. A parent-designated adult, acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed healthcare professional, that provides assistance, or services shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided to a student with diabetes.

Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Statement of Intent

I, (_____,
(Name)

parent-designated adult for _____ and will provide diabetes related healthcare
(Student's Name)

to the best of my ability, consistent with the student's individual health plan. I further certify that:

_____ I have had the individual health plan training provided by the district.

_____ I have completed training comparable to the district-provided training necessary to act as a parent-designated adult.

_____ I have completed additional training for the additional care that I am authorized by the parent to provide prior to any acts that I perform as a parent-designated adult.

(Additional language if PDA is a school employee: As a school district employee, I understand that I am not required to serve as a PDA, but choose to do so voluntarily. I have not been coerced by my employer to sign and file this Notice of Intent and I understand that my refusal to do so cannot be a basis for disciplinary action.)

Signature

Date

Appendix J

APPENDIX J

Type 2 Diabetes

The first step in the development of Type 2 Diabetes is often a problem with the body's response to insulin, called insulin resistance. For reasons scientists do not completely understand, the body cannot use the insulin very well. This means that the body needs increasing amounts of insulin to control blood glucose. The pancreas tries to make more insulin, but after several years, insulin production may drop off.

Type 2 Diabetes used to be found mainly in adults who were overweight and age 40 or older. Now, as more children and adolescents in the United States become overweight and inactive, Type 2 Diabetes occurs more often in young people. Type 2 Diabetes is also more common in certain racial and ethnic groups, such as African-Americans, American Indians, Hispanic/Latinos, and some Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. To control their diabetes, children with Type 2 Diabetes may need to take oral medication, insulin, or both.

- **Symptoms.** Type 2 Diabetes develops slowly in some children, but quickly in others. Symptoms may be similar to those of Type 1 Diabetes. A child or teen can feel very tired, thirsty, or nauseated (sick to the stomach), and have to urinate often. Other symptoms may include weight loss, blurred vision, frequent infections, and slow healing of wounds or sores. Some children or adolescents with Type 2 Diabetes may show no symptoms at all when they are diagnosed. For that reason, it is important for parents and caregivers to talk to a healthcare provider about testing children or teens who are at high risk for the disease.
- **Risk Factors.** Being overweight, being older than 10 years of age, experiencing puberty, and having a family member who has Type 2 Diabetes are risk factors for the disease. Certain populations, as noted above, are at higher risk. In addition, physical signs of insulin resistance, such as acanthosis nigricans (A-can-tho-sis NIG-reh-cans), may appear: the skin around the neck or in the armpits appears dark, thick, and velvety. High blood pressure also may be a sign of insulin resistance. For children and teens at risk, healthcare providers can encourage, support, and educate the entire family to make lifestyle changes that may delay, or prevent, the onset of Type 2 Diabetes. Such lifestyle changes include keeping at a healthy weight and staying active.

Appendix K

APPENDIX K

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ORDERS FOR STUDENTS WITH DIABETES IN WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOLS

OVERVIEW

This form is intended to help standardize information for students with diabetes. It has been designed to cover situations that may apply to the student while at school. In most cases, the majority of the blank space will not need to be filled in or the answer may be similar to the previous space. Generally, the plan should be worked out between the parent and the school nurse and then submitted to the Healthcare Provider (HCP) to authorize.

The following is a brief description of each section:

Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)

The blank lines are for treatment plans for various situations. The information in parenthesis are guidelines that can either be used or crossed out if another treatment is desired.

Blood Sugar and Insulin Dosage

Various situations are supplied. Not all require a response with an injection of insulin. Many situations will have the same response. "Other" is for the new forms of insulin that may soon be available. The last two lines of this section are included to allow the school nurse and the parent/guardian some degree of flexibility under the HCP's supervision and written orders.

Although ketone testing is recommended, cross out "(check ketones)" if this test will not be done. In this situation, do not fill in "If urine ketones..."

Disaster Insulin Dosage

This includes doses of insulin that are normally not given at school, but that during a disaster situation may be needed. Since the food supply may be limited, it is recommended that the usual dosage be reduced to 80 percent. A copy of this order form should be included in the Disaster Kit. Alternately, the disaster dose can be recorded on the form found in Appendix O. Disaster dosages must be reviewed and updated anytime the student's insulin requirements change.

Self Care

The intent is to document agreement as to the extent to which the student can manage her or his own care and to clarify to what degree the school is responsible for care. If the student is totally independent, the first statement only needs to be initialed. The blank at the bottom of this section allows for other situations that might arise regarding the student's diabetes management.

Signatures and Start/Termination Dates

Each person involved in verifying the student's ability to participate in self-care should sign and date the form. Start and review termination dates must be noted.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ORDERS FOR STUDENTS WITH DIABETES IN WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOLS

STUDENT'S NAME _____ Student's birthdate ___/___/___ School _____ Grade _____
 Emergency numbers for parents (phone) _____ - _____ - _____ (Cell contact 2) _____ - _____ - _____ (//Cell) _____ - _____ - _____
 Doctor's phone number _____ - _____ - _____ Other contacts _____, _____ - _____ - _____

HYPOGLYCEMIA (fill in individualized instructions on line or use those in parenthesis)

Unconscious-- _____ **(phone 911)** (Other orders) _____
 Blood sugar < 60 and symptomatic _____ (juice, pop, candy) _____
 Blood sugar < 100 and symptomatic _____ (crackers/cheese) _____
 Blood sugar < 80 and asymptomatic _____ (feed partial meal) _____
 Blood sugar > 100 and symptomatic _____ (feed partial meal) _____
 Blood sugar at which parent should be notified--low _____ high _____

BLOOD SUGAR AND INSULIN DOSAGE prior to lunch (R is regular and H is lis-pro.) _____ any other insulin requested

Blood sugar < 100 _____ units R - H - other _____ (see hypoglycemia above)
 Blood sugar 100-149 _____ units R - H - other _____
 Blood sugar 150-199 _____ units R - H - other _____
 Blood sugar 200-249 _____ units R - H - other _____
 Blood sugar 250-299 _____ units R - H - other _____ (check ketones)
 Blood sugar 300-349 _____ units R - H - other _____ (check ketones)
 Blood sugar 350-399 _____ units R - H - other _____ (check ketones)
 Blood sugar > 400 _____ units R - H - other _____ (check ketones)

- Licensed medical personnel allowed to give _____ units (minimum) of insulin to _____ units (maximum) of R, H, other _____ insulin after consultation with the parent/guardian.
- Other insulin instructions (i.e., CHO counting): _____
- If urine ketones (trace, small, moderate, large) call parents (circle one or more)

DISASTER INSULIN DOSAGE -in case of disaster how much insulin should be given? Recommend 80% of usual dose.										
A.M.	_____	units	R - H - other	_____	units	Lente	NPH	Ultralente	Lantus	other
Noon	_____	units	R - H - other	_____	units	Lente	NPH	Ultralente	Lantus	other
P.M.	_____	units	R - H - other	_____	units	Lente	NPH	Ultralente	Lantus	other
Bedtime	_____	units	R - H - other	_____	units	Lente	NPH	Ultralente	Lantus	other

STUDENT'S SELF-CARE (ability level) Initials of: Parent HCP School Nurse

Totally independent management or

1. Student tests independently or student needs verification of number by staff or assist/testing to be done by school nurse	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Student administers insulin independently or student self-injects with verification of number or student self-injects with nurse supervision or injection to be done by school nurse	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Student self-treats mild hypoglycemia	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Student monitors own snacks and meals	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Student tests and interprets own urine ketones	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Student tests and interprets own blood ketones	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Student carries own supplies	_____	_____	_____	_____

HCP _____ (print/type) _____ signature ___/___/___ date

Parent _____ (print/type) _____ signature ___/___/___ date

School Nurse _____ (print/type) _____ signature ___/___/___ date

Start date: ___ day ___ mo. ___ yr. **Termination date:** ___ day ___ mo. ___ yr. **or End of school year:** _____
 Must be renewed at beginning of each school year.

Appendix L



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1300 SE Quince St • PO Box 47864 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7864

March 15, 2000

Ms. Judy Maire, RN, MSN
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
600 S. Washington
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Ms. Maire,

This letter is in response to the questions raised by the school nurse members of the Diabetes in the Schools Task Force, which has recently authored the guidelines to be used by school personnel to assist with the planning of care for students with diabetes. Specifically, there are concerns about how to handle the issue of insulin injections and blood glucose monitoring in the event of an unforeseen disaster, when nurses may not be available to assist students.

The practice committee of the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission discussed this issue at its meeting on March 3, 2000. The diabetes guidelines are based on individual care planning with the goal of self-management by each student, with assistance when needed by appropriate school personnel or family members. The Commission understands that comprehensive planning includes provisions for disaster situations. Each student's plan of care should contain specific detailed instructions and diagrams which could be easily understood by other adult school personnel who could assist the student if a nurse or other licensed, knowledgeable individual were unavailable. Because registered nurses are not permitted by statute to delegate piercing of the skin (i.e. insulin injections and obtaining samples for blood glucose monitoring), the Commission would not recommend that individuals be trained in the tasks ahead of time. Instead, resource people within the school could be identified who could help the student with these tasks, and simple instructions could be included with the student's supplies and required food.

The Commission would like to reassure registered nurses and licensed practical nurses working in school settings that charges against their licenses would not be filed if an unforeseen disaster situation caused them to teach or coach another individual to assist a student with activities involving piercing of the skin. Other individuals would not be held liable for practicing without a license in a true emergency. However, it seems impractical and potentially risky for the nurse to train a group of persons to do these tasks ahead of time. In addition to the fact that competency would have to be periodically verified, there is no provision which allows the nurse to and delegate these tasks unless it is an unforeseen emergency.

Thank you for your concerns regarding these issues and for your leadership in school health.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fitzgerald, RN, MSN, ARNP
Member, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Paula Meyer, RN, MSN
Executive Director, HPQA, Section 6

RECEIVED

MAR 24 2000

HEALTH SERVICES



APPENDIX L

WASHINGTON STATE NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION ADVISORY OPINIONS

Intensive therapy for students with diabetes has resulted in questions relating to nursing practice. Most schools do not have full-time health services in the building, and, therefore, many of the practice questions have related to the involvement of nonnurse school staff in the care of students with diabetes.

In July 2002, a new law, RCW 28A.210.330-350, came into effect in Washington State designed to address the care of students with diabetes attending public schools. One component of the law allows for parent-designated adult (PDA) to participate in certain procedures, including blood sugar monitoring and injections of medications. Please note that this law is not part of the Law Relating to Nursing Care (the “nurse practice act”), rather it is part of the education statutes. The new ruling has not changed any of the previously issued advisory opinions relating to the care of children with diabetes. The new law specifically exempts school districts and their personnel (including registered and licensed practical nurses from liability if they are acting in substantial compliance with the student’s IHP. Comments intended to clarify this new law as it relates to nursing practice appear in italics in this Appendix, which contains the advisory opinions of the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

Several advisory opinions have been issued by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, the regulatory authority for nursing, in response to questions about how to manage the care of students with diabetes in the face of dangerously high school nurse-to-student ratios. Advisory opinions are, by law, intended to provide guidance for the requesting parties only. However, opinions issued by the commission can be helpful in the care planning process.

The committee responsible for developing this guide asked for technical assistance from the commission so that nurses could successfully use the opinions to plan for staffing of schools with appropriate personnel. The Nursing Commission encourages each nurse to consider the care of each student with diabetes as a unique opportunity to apply the nursing process; the “Personnel Guidelines for Care of Students with Diabetes” chart, pages 24 and 25, may assist nurses with these individual decisions. Other resources include the Law Relating to Nursing (Washington’s Nurse Practice Act) and school health staffing guides provided by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Role of the school nurse/registered nurse

Registered nurses are responsible for assessing the status and identifying the needs of the child with diabetes. Input from the family, primary healthcare providers, specialty healthcare providers, teachers, and other school professionals is included in the

assessment and care planning process. Comprehensive care planning reflects the individual needs of students, and considerable nursing judgment is used in each case. Once care is planned, registered nurses are ideal persons to teach others in the school setting about diabetes, including the essential facts listed in this guide. The registered nurse is an ideal resource for questions, demystifying the care of students with diabetes, and the creation of plans to allow a seamless transition from home to school for the student.

RCW 28A.210.330–350 which addresses accommodations for students with diabetes, recognizes the importance of the registered nurse (R.N.) in school settings by directing school districts to “designate a professional person licensed under RCW 18.71 [medical doctors], RCW 18.54 [doctors of osteopathy], or RCW 18.79 as it applies to R.N. and the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.s) to consult and coordinate with the student’s parents and healthcare provider” to help coordinate and plan care for students. If a PDA is identified by the parents, for purposes of carrying out selected tasks, the registered nurse in the school retains the responsibility for overall care planning for the student. The registered nurse is not (and cannot) delegate tasks to the PDA; such tasks are directed by the parents to the designated adult. However, any PDA is required by the new law to participate in school district student specific training. If the PDA is not a district employee, they may show proof of comparable training. Furthermore, every PDA must complete and provide documentation of training for the **additional care** authorized by the parent. This additional training must be conducted by a healthcare professional or an expert in diabetes selected by the parent. R.N.s and A.R.N.P.s may not delegate procedures such as blood glucose monitoring and insulin injections to unlicensed staff. Thus, it is recommended that the school nurse not provide this additional training.

It is the school nurse who delegates specific aspects of care to appropriate school staff, trains and supervises those individuals, and retains responsibility for the quality of nursing care the student receives.

Suggested parameters for nurses following physician orders and other plans for care include:

- All orders must be originated and signed by the physician or authorized prescriber and must be individualized for the child.
- Faxed orders are acceptable if the nurse is able to verify by telephone or other means that the order is from the physician.
- Nurses involved in intensive therapy for diabetes must have adequate education about its long-term benefits, risks, and theory of its use, as it differs significantly from traditional diabetes treatment.
- Emergency plans must be ordered by the physician, ideally in cooperation with school personnel, and must be easily accessed and understood by nurses and other school personnel.
- Inclusion of parents in the planning of care is necessary for the 24-hour management of diabetes.

- The term “standing order” is not recommended because it implies that the treatment plan or orders could be used for other patient care situations and could be seen as a circumvention of the necessary prescriber-patient relationship.
- Nursing judgment is necessary to make adjustments within the sliding scale, and therefore, the decisions relating to dosage adjustment and interpretation of blood glucose measurements may not be delegated to unregulated individuals. Parents may be involved. See advisory opinion dated September 19, 1997 (page 91).

Advisory Opinions

The following is a summary of the questions asked by interested parties of the Nursing Commission related to diabetes care. Complete copies of the opinions, including questionnaires completed by the requestors, are available by request from the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, PO Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864.

Any opinion issued by the commission is advisory and intended for the guidance of the requesting parties only. The opinion is not legally binding and is not intended to be seen as a declaratory ruling of the commission, a promulgated regulation, or as exempting your facility from any applicable federal or state requirements.

Issue: Supervision of other nursing personnel

Advisory opinion of November 13, 1998—a response to a school nurse with questions about supervision:

Note: Several school districts have opted to hire L.P.N.s, supervised by R.N.s, to assist with the care of students with diabetes. The following opinion relates to supervision.

Recently you wrote to the Nursing Commission with several questions related to nursing services in schools, supervision requirements for L.P.N.s, and questions related to liability for services rendered. To streamline the responses, your questions have been reworded slightly.

Question: How is indirect supervision defined?

Answer: According to the Law Related to Nursing, WAC 246-840-010(11)(e):

“Indirect supervision shall mean the licensed registered nurse is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for care and treatment of the patient, and the patient has been assessed by the licensed registered nurse prior to the delegation of duties to any caregiver not licensed as a nurse.”

School nurses who are responsible for more than one school typically use this type of supervision. Services rendered to children in school vary according to their needs. For instance, supervision of medication administration by school staff (per RCW 28A.210.260 and RCW 28A.210.270, the oral medication statute in schools) could be accomplished by teaching a group of individuals and reviewing the individual plans for care. Under this statute only R.N.s can delegate oral medication administration to unlicensed school staff.

In contrast, direct and immediate supervision is defined in WAC 246-840-010(11):

“Direct supervision” shall mean the licensed registered nurse is on the premises, is quickly and easily available and the patient has been assessed by the licensed registered nurse prior to the delegation of duties to any caregiver.”

“Immediate supervision” shall mean the registered nurse is on the premises and is within audible and visual range of the patient and the patient has been assessed by the registered nurse prior to the delegation of duties to any caregiver.”

Complex care for a medically fragile student may require that the R.N. delegate most of the care to an L.P.N. or other individual. In such a case, the R.N. might use direct or immediate supervision, depending on the needs of the student.

In any case, the determination about what to delegate and to whom is a matter of professional nursing judgment.

Question: What are the supervision requirements for L.P.N.s?

Answer: L.P.N.s use specialized knowledge, skill, and judgment to carry out selected aspects of the designated nursing regimen under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, podiatric physician and surgeon, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or registered nurse (RCW 18.79.060). L.P.N.s are fully licensed health professionals and are accountable for their own actions at all times. L.P.N.s may give medications in school settings, including injections, without direct R.N. supervision. WAC 246-840-705 describes the functions of a L.P.N. In summary, an L.P.N. recognizes and meets basic client needs in routine nursing situations, which are defined as situations which are relatively free of scientific complexity involving stable and predictable client conditions. L.P.N.s also function in more complex nursing care situations, and in these cases an L.P.N. would function as an assistant to the registered nurse or physician.

As stated above, indirect supervision by an R.N. who is not on school premises is within the standard of care, as long as the L.P.N. is providing care for students in routine, noncomplex situations and as long as the supervisory role of the R.N. has been

established. Periodic review of the plan and R.N. availability for questions are recommended components of school health services.

Question: What should a certificated school nurse consider in terms of supervision and liability when a noncertificated school nurse is employed in the district?

Answer: Each registered nurse is responsible for his or her own clinical practice. If a certificated nurse is the supervisor of the other registered nurses, typical conventions for personnel supervision would apply. At no point would the certificated school nurse be responsible for the clinical decisions made or actions taken by other registered nurses employed by the district. There is no statutory requirement that a nurse hold a school nurse certificate. The commission has no authority to require that registered nurses obtain the 30 clock hours of instruction involved in the school nurse certification process. Professionally, the acquisition of this additional education would assist the nurse functioning in a school setting.

Impact of RCW 28A.210.330-350, 2002: Registered nurses and L.P.N.s are not the supervisors of parent-designated adults who may be performing certain tasks contained within the student's overall plan of care. The Nursing Commission has no jurisdiction over nonlicensed individuals. The new law exempts school district employees from liability for the actions of PDAs.

Issue: Involvement of nonnurse personnel with insulin injections using traditional syringes

Note: "Piercing of the skin" is seen by various practice acts and state law as a regulated activity which must be specifically allowed. Unless specially authorized, as in community-based long-term care facilities, R.N.s and L.P.N.s cannot delegate this activity to unlicensed persons. With regard to medication administration, injectable medications may **not be delegated to unlicensed persons by either R.N.s or L.P.N.s.** Family members or designated adults as defined earlier in this document **can** perform these activities.

Advisory opinion dated April 25, 1997:

Question: May an RN delegate the health task of double-checking the dose of a self-drawn (syringe) of insulin by a student to unlicensed school staff?

Answer: The answer to your question is no, because the process involves assistance and potential decision making with nonoral medication and there is no provision to allow unlicensed/unregulated school personnel to assist with or administer injectable medications except for emergencies related to serious allergies.

The commission recognizes that self-management of diabetes and tight control of blood glucose levels are treatment goals for diabetics of all ages. Your question involves the

entire process of student self-medication. In the situation you have described, it would be most appropriate for the school nurse to assess the child's ability to:

- Verbalize the process for self-testing blood glucose.
- Verbalize her or his understanding of the use of the sliding scale for insulin, including whether or not this process involves telephoning a parent to make the dosage decision.
- Demonstrate her or his ability to draw up the correct amount of medication and to inject it appropriately.

Our suggestion is to involve parents as partners in this nursing assessment and plan for care.

If the student is able to self-medicate as outlined above, there should be no need to involve school staff in the process. If the student is unable to complete the process independently, plans should be developed to ensure that a licensed professional is able to be present to assist the student with insulin administration.

Impact of RCW 28A.210.330-350, 2002: Registered nurses are not delegating tasks relating to injections to PDAs. Parents are, in effect, supervising such care. The advisory opinion as written still applies in any situation in which tasks in the care plan for the student are not assigned to a PDA. As stated in the introductory section, the school nurse is responsible for the overall care plan, which in this case would involve discussions with parents, PDAs, and the student's healthcare providers in order to ensure safety at school.

Issue: Use of glucagon injections for emergencies related to insulin reaction

Advisory opinion dated November 1, 1996:

Question: May a registered nurse, in the event of unresponsive hypoglycemia in a child with known diabetes, delegate the injection of glucagon to an unregulated person or persons?

Answer: The answer is no. The procedure for administering glucagon injection for unresponsive hypoglycemia involves blood sugar testing, patient assessment, and plans for follow-up and cannot be delegated to an unregulated person.

Management of unresponsive hypoglycemia through the use of glucagon injections by unregulated persons in an unmonitored, outlying setting such as a school is seen by the commission as outside the usual standard of care. You have described an emergency situation that would require the specialized knowledge and skills of the registered nurse, based on a nursing assessment. Your plan, consistent with the Superintendent of Public Instruction's guidelines for school emergencies, is sound. The emergency plan submitted includes the use of oral glucose (gel, tablets, or juice) for hypoglycemic

reactions and activation of the 911 system for diabetic emergencies. Glucagon injections could be administered by the registered nurse on an individual basis in consultation with the child's medical providers.

Impact of RCW 28A.210.330-350, 2002: Registered nurses are not delegating tasks relating to injections to PDAs. Parents are, in effect, supervising such care. The advisory opinion as written still applies in any situation in which tasks in the care plan for the student are not assigned to a PDA. As stated in the introductory section, the school nurse is responsible for the overall care plan, which in this case would involve discussions with parents, PDAs, and the student's healthcare providers in order to ensure safety at school.

Issue: Use of insulin "pen injector" devices as an alternative to syringes

Advisory opinion dated May 29, 1998:

Addendum for the 2005 Guidelines: Current diabetes care planning includes the use of pumps for children, and may, in the future, involve other devices. Verification of numbers on such devices by unlicensed school personnel, at the direction of the registered nurse, is consistent with the rationale for previous advisory opinions by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Scope of Practice Decision Tree.

Question: May an R.N. delegate to an unlicensed person in a school setting the task of double-checking a dose of insulin for a student ordered by a physician which is contained in a dial-a-dose pen injector system? In such a situation, the student self-injects the insulin. The unlicensed person's sole function is to verify the number reading on the pen injector system, which does not involve handling the actual syringe.

Answer: You have asked whether a registered nurse in a school setting may delegate to an unlicensed person the task of double-checking a dose of insulin for a student, as ordered by a physician which is contained in a dial-a-dose pen injector. Additionally, your question proposes that unlicensed school personnel would not be involved with mechanical assistance with blood glucose monitors, would not handle any drugs or syringes, and would not be involved with any clinical decisions, including the interpretation of orders.

The Nursing Commission believes that under certain circumstances, and with limitations, a school nurse may include, as part of a treatment plan for a **student who is self-managing** insulin-dependent diabetes, participation in the plan by unlicensed school personnel for the sole purpose of confirming numbers. The commission does not view this practice of delegation of medication administration as inappropriate delegation of other nursing tasks because the act of confirming numbers does not constitute specialized or clinical judgment.

However, the nurse must first ensure that this practice does not violate the policies and laws that apply to the school district and that:

- The student's physician or other authorized prescriber has ordered such treatment.
- The parent, physician, or person authorized to prescribe, and the school nurse have evaluated and approved the student's ability to self-manage blood glucose monitoring and insulin administration.
- The parent has requested that school personnel verify numbers on the glucometer or dial-a-dose pen injector as part of the student's treatment plan.
- The parent agrees to provide for and be responsible for all equipment necessary for the care of diabetes in school.
- The parent, parent's authorized representative, or a school nurse is available by telephone or other means to directly confirm the dosage of insulin, to answer other questions, or to assume responsibility for the entire process if necessary.
- The unlicensed school personnel have agreed to the plan and that the school nurse has provided any necessary education about the process.
- The unlicensed individual's role is strictly limited to confirming for the student the numbers on a glucose monitor and dial-a-dose pen injector.

Clarification: School nurses at the task force meetings had further questions about whether a nurse would need to make the decision about whether a child should eat in response to a low blood sugar reading. This advisory opinion related only to insulin doses and orders related to that task.

The commission's intent in the use of the phrase "interpretation of orders" referred to medications and piercing of the skin. The assumption is that the school nurse would have completed a full assessment of the student's ability to perform the various tasks related to comprehensive diabetes management and that the nurse would devise a plan of care for each individual child. Part of the nurse's care planning process would involve teaching the unlicensed school staff about the need for food and its timing. This would include teaching the teachers, aides, bus drivers, and anyone else involved with the child that low blood sugar, however it is verified, requires that the child eat. The plan of care should spell out what the child should eat, along with the requirement that the parents provide the food. Such a plan would help to prevent staff and other adults from allowing the child to eat more or less than she or he should in such situations which could lead to problems with blood sugar maintenance later in the day or that evening.

Impact of RCW 28A.210.330-350, 2002: Registered nurses are not delegating tasks relating to injections to PDAs. Parents are, in effect, supervising such care. The advisory opinion as written still applies in any situation in which tasks in the care plan for the student are not assigned to a PDA. As stated in the introductory section, the school nurse is responsible for the overall care plan, which in this case would involve discussions with parents, PDAs, and the student's healthcare providers in order to ensure safety at school.

Issue: Involvement of the parents in the determination of insulin doses

Note: By law, R.N.s and L.P.N.s may accept orders for medications from physicians, A.R.N.P.s, and others; orders received directly from parents are not considered legitimate orders.

Advisory opinion dated September 19, 1997:

Question: May registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses under the supervision of registered nurses, use a physician-ordered sliding dosage scale for insulin injections, which may, also at the direction of the physician, require the input of parents for dosage adjustment throughout a given school day?

Answer: Yes, in situations in which frequent blood glucose measurements and a sliding dosage scale for insulin injections are used to manage diabetes in children, it is within the current accepted standards of care for nurses to include parents in the decisions related to insulin dosages, provided that such a treatment program is ordered by a physician for an individual child and provided that certain conditions are met.

Plans for care must be individualized, must clearly specify a range of dosages for the child based on a 24-hour, comprehensive plan for diet, blood glucose monitoring, and activity level and the physician or authorized provider must clearly state that parents are to be consulted for daily dosage adjustments within the sliding scale range. Provisions must be made for emergency situations or unexpected outcomes, including methods for the nurse to contact the physician or other authorized healthcare provider to modify the plans for care if consultation is necessary based on the nurse's professional judgment. Parents may not order treatments or changes to treatment plans independently as they are not authorized prescribers.

Question: What types of parameters should be included when nursing practice guidelines and protocols for care are developed?

Answer: Practice guidelines or protocols for care are generally developed to establish standard procedures, to improve and streamline quality of care, and to ensure safe, consistent practice. Such guidelines assist nurses to provide care, which is within the scope of nursing practice. Practice guidelines are not to be used to develop policies that allow nurses or other healthcare providers to practice outside their scope. For instance, practice guidelines may not be used to allow nurses to prescribe treatments and medications, since registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are not authorized prescribers.

The situation in the advisory opinion relating to the use of a sliding scale for blood glucose monitoring and insulin injections refers to one child with a set of orders from a physician. As the nursing care plan for this child is developed, a practice guideline for

the care of children with diabetes may be used to assist the school nurse in meeting the needs of the child throughout the school day. Suggested parameters include:

- All orders must be originated and signed by the physician or authorized prescriber and must be individualized for the child.
- Faxed orders are acceptable if the nurse is able to verify by telephone or other means that the order is from the physician.
- Nurses involved in intensive therapy for diabetes must have adequate education about its long-term benefits, risks, and theory of its use as it differs significantly from traditional diabetes treatment.
- Emergency plans must be ordered by the physician, ideally in cooperation with school personnel, and must be easily accessed and understood by nurses and other school personnel.
- Inclusion of parents in the planning of care is necessary for the 24-hour management of diabetes.
- The term “standing order” is not recommended because it implies that the treatment plan or orders could be used for other patient care situations and could be seen as a circumvention of the necessary prescriber-patient relationship.
- Nursing judgment is necessary to make adjustments within the sliding scale, and therefore the decisions relating to dosage adjustment and interpretation of blood glucose measurements may not be delegated to unregulated individuals.

Impact of RCW 28A.210.330–350, 2002: Registered nurses and L.P.N.s are not the supervisors of parent-designated adults who may be performing certain tasks contained within the student’s overall plan of care. The Nursing Commission has no jurisdiction over nonlicensed individuals. The new law exempts school district employees from liability for the actions of PDAs.

Appendix M

APPENDIX M

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS STANDARD AND STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

WAC 296-823 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) requires the school district (employer) to develop a written exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B and HIV. The Department of Labor and Industries enforces the requirements of this WAC. There are many required elements to the exposure control plan. These requirements apply to all school settings, including playgrounds and school buses as well as to school sponsored activities where employees might be exposed to bloodborne pathogens. The elements of the plan (universal precautions) specific to employees exposed to treatments required for students with diabetes are:

1. Personal protective equipment (gloves).
2. Handwashing facilities. If not available, the employer provides antiseptic hand cleanser and clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes to be followed by handwashing with soap and water when available.
3. Proper protection from and disposal of contaminated sharps.
4. Procedures and equipment/supplies to minimize splashing, spattering, etc., of blood.
5. Procedures and equipment/supplies to decontaminate work surfaces.
6. Proper removal, replacement, storage, and disposal of any protective covering (plastic wrap) that may be used.
7. Disposal of all contaminated waste according to specifications of the regulation.

The complete WAC 296-823 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens is available by contacting the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries at 1/800-4BE-SAFE (1/800-423-7233) or online at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/rules/bbpathogens/PDFs/823-Complete.pdf>.

Appendix N

APPENDIX N

NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL SNACKS

School specific policy and food provision will be determined by the health planning team and recorded in the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.

1. **Planned snacks are an important part of the nutritional management of most children with diabetes.** Snacks help prevent low blood sugar (hypoglycemic) reactions which can occur when food and insulin are unbalanced; for example, when there is too little food for the amount of insulin present or there is extra activity.
2. **Discuss with parent/guardian when the student has snacks during the day.** If possible, arrange in advance of school when and where the student will eat planned snacks. Most elementary school-age children will have a mid-morning snack. Middle school or high school students may have eliminated the mid-morning snack due to changes in their insulin regime.
3. **Children may need an afternoon snack at school.** Usually afternoon snacks are eaten at home, but if the child has an early lunch, P.E. class late in the day, a long ride home on the bus, or an after school sports practice or other activity, an afternoon snack at school may be needed.
4. **Parent/guardian is responsible for providing planned snacks.**
5. **Snacks should be eaten on time.** Delaying snacks can result in low blood sugar.
6. **Most snacks will include one to two carbohydrate choices and a meat/protein choice.** This will provide about 15–30 grams of carbohydrate, 7 grams of protein, and 5 grams of fat. Smaller or less active children need smaller snacks than larger or more active children.

- **1 carbohydrate choice = 1 starch = 1 fruit = 1 milk = 15 grams carbohydrate**

Examples: 6 saltine crackers, 3 graham cracker squares, 5 vanilla wafers, ½ bagel, 1 slice bread, 1 small apple, orange or banana, 4 ounces apple juice, ½ pint milk, 1 cup light yogurt, 3 cups popcorn, ½ cup ice cream (Dixie cup), 2 small cookies.

- **1 meat/protein choice = 1 ounce meat = 1 ounce cheese = 2 tbsp. peanut butter = 1 egg = 1/4 cup peanuts = 7 grams protein + 5–10 grams fat**

Examples: 1 string cheese stick, 1 ounce slice cheese, 1 ounce slice bologna or turkey, 1 hotdog, 1 hard-cooked egg, 1 stick pepperoni, 1 small bag peanuts, 2 tbsp. peanut butter.

7. **An extra snack may be needed before extra activity.** This may include an unusually active P.E. class, a field trip, extra recess, or sports practice. If possible, alert the parent/guardian to these occasions so that extra food can be sent to school.

8. **An unplanned snack may be needed if hypoglycemia occurs.** If low blood sugar occurs, treatment with a fast-acting, simple sugar (such as two glucose tablets or 4 oz. juice) will be required. If a meal is not scheduled within the next half hour, a snack containing carbohydrate and protein should be eaten.
9. **Ask the parent/guardian to provide an “emergency snack box” to keep at school to use when unplanned snacks are needed.** Included items might be prepackaged snacks such as a cheese or peanut butter and cracker packet, granola bar, small box of raisins, or small package of peanuts.

Appendix O

APPENDIX O

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: THREE-DAY EMERGENCY READINESS

Include these pages along with copies of Low and High Blood Sugar Plan (Appendix P and Q) with Disaster Kit

The primary needs for the child with diabetes would be the requirements for food and insulin. **Safety is the goal, so slightly higher than normal blood sugar levels are preferable.** Basically, the child needs enough food to prevent serious short-term problems of low blood sugars (hypoglycemia) and sufficient insulin to prevent ketoacidosis (from continually increasing high blood sugars).

The goal of sound diabetes management requires the balancing of food intake with insulin administration and level of activity. We believe that a child being kept at school during a disaster situation would likely have less activity and less readily available food for an extended period. Therefore, the child's insulin requirements would decrease.

INSULIN

Orders for insulin amounts to be given during a disaster should be included in the Disaster Kit.

Insulin orders can be documented using the “**Disaster Insulin Dosage**” form, page 104 of this Appendix or the **Healthcare Provider (HCP) Order Sheet** (Appendix K).

Instructions on how to administer insulin can be found in this Appendix. These insulin instructions are specifically designed to allow an adult, in an emergency situation, to supervise the child who performs this skill. It must be noted that a child with diabetes **cannot survive without insulin**. In a disaster situation, it may be necessary for a nonlicensed person to use these instructions to draw up and administer the insulin that a young child may not be able to administer on her or his own.

Registered nurses are not permitted by statute to delegate procedures requiring piercing of the skin. For further information on the issue of nonlicensed persons performing such skills in a disaster situation, refer to the letter dated March 15, 2000, to Judy Maire from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, Appendix L.

Parents may designate a PDA to provide care that a registered nurse may not delegate, such as insulin injections (see Appendix I). Even so, there may be a disaster situation in which an adult who is not a PDA would need these instructions.

BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS AND KETONE CHECKS

A means of checking blood sugar levels should be available. Either an extra meter that can be left at school or visual test strips may be used. Directions for use of the visual strips are on the container.

In a disaster situation, the nonlicensed person may need to assist the child with this skill. However, it should be noted that even very young children are often able to perform or assist in the blood sugar check.

It is also important to have ketone test strips available to measure urine ketones. This should be done if the blood sugar level is over 240 or if the child has been running higher than normal blood sugar levels. Ketones should also be checked if the child is not feeling well. If the child runs moderate or large ketones, a doctor should be notified as soon as possible. Attach a copy of the student's High Blood Sugar School Plan (Appendix Q).

Instructions for blood sugar and ketone checks can be found in this Appendix.

NUTRITION

Orders regarding the amount of food and/or number of meals and snacks must be obtained from the dietitian and HCP and should be included in the Disaster Kit.

1. Try to offer three meals along with a mid-morning snack, an afternoon snack, and a bedtime snack at the usual meal/snack time.
2. If possible, include a carbohydrate food and a protein food at each meal and bedtime.

<u>CARBOHYDRATE FOODS</u>	<u>PROTEIN FOODS</u>
Bread Crackers Cereal Cereal/granola Bar Chips/pretzels	Cheese/cheese foods Meat/dried meat Canned tuna/meat Peanuts Peanut butter
Fruit/canned fruit Dried fruit Juice	
Milk	

3. If protein foods are not available, then offer carbohydrate foods every two to three hours.
4. If the child is required to spend the night at school, the child should be given a bedtime snack consisting of a carbohydrate food and protein food or a bedtime snack bar such as Nite-bite™.

LOW BLOOD SUGAR

If a child's blood sugar is less than 70, she or he should be given a quickly absorbed sugar source such as 4–8 oz. of juice, one-half of a can of regular pop, one to two packets of sugar, one packet of honey, or four to five hard candies. A serving of carbohydrate and protein food, such as cheese and crackers, half of a sandwich, or cereal and milk, should follow.

Attach a copy of the student's Low Blood Sugar School Plan (Appendix P).

SUPPLIES

It is recommended that the parents provide a **three-day supply** of the following at the beginning of the school year:

- Blood sugar meter (with instructions) and meter strips or visual strips.
- Ketone strips.
- Insulin: may be stored in refrigerator but refrigerator may not be accessible during a disaster. Insulin at room temperature may begin to lose potency after one month. Label with date that it is brought to school and date when actually opened.
- Insulin syringes.
- Lancets.
- Antiseptic wipes or wet wipes.
- Small logbook to record insulin dose/blood sugar results.
- Bedtime snack bar, such as Nite-bite™, if used.
- Low blood sugar reaction food supplies: quick-acting sugar and carbohydrate/protein snacks. Send enough supplies for two to three episodes.
- Schools are generally prepared for inclement weather with food for one or two meals on hand. If a student needs specialized food, her or his parents should work with the HCP and/or dietitian and the food service manager to plan for emergency situations.

It is suggested that the diabetes supplies be replaced during the winter holiday season. This way what has been kept at school can be used before its expiration. It is important that supplies such as meter and all testing strips be kept at room temperature, as extreme heat or cold may impair function.

SKILLS INSTRUCTION:
Blood Sugar Checks, Ketone Checks, Insulin Administration

Registered nurses are not permitted by statute to delegate procedures requiring piercing of the skin. For further information on the issue of nonlicensed persons performing such skills in a disaster situation, refer to the letter dated March 15, 2000, to Judy Maire from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, Appendix L.

TO CHECK BLOOD SUGAR

1. Wash and dry hands.
2. Obtain drop of blood with lancet.
3. Place drop on meter strip per meter instructions or on Chemstrip™ if reading visually.
4. Record result.

TO CHECK KETONES

1. Obtain a urine sample.
2. Dip test strip into urine and tap off excess against edge of container.
3. Read color change in exactly the number of seconds indicated on strip bottle or box.
4. Compare with color chart.
5. Notify a medical doctor if ketones are moderate or high as soon as possible.
6. If a medical doctor is not available:
 - a. Encourage student to drink as much sugar-free fluid (e.g., water) as possible.
 - b. Ensure that student rests.
 - c. Ensure student gets scheduled insulin.

TO ADMINISTER INSULIN

TO DRAW INSULIN

Clear (Regular, Humalog® or Novolog®) insulin and cloudy (NPH, Lente, or Ultralente) insulin can be mixed in one syringe. Lantus® insulin must **never** be mixed with any other insulin. A new syringe is needed. The following instructions (2 through 5) outline the steps. If the person drawing up the insulin feels uncomfortable with mixing the two types, each insulin could be drawn up and injected separately. In this case follow steps 1, 2 or 3, and 5.

1. Clean top of vials with alcohol swab if available.
2. Roll NPH, Lente, or Ultralente to mix insulin. Be sure there are no clumps.
3. Be sure that Regular, Humalog®, or Novolog®) insulin is clear.
4. Insert syringe into Regular, Humalog®, or Novolog®) draw back on plunger to fill the syringe to the number of units of Regular, Humalog®, or Novolog®) insulin needed. Since there is only one kind of insulin in the syringe, you may go beyond line needed and gently push back to get rid of air bubbles if necessary.
5. Pull syringe out of the Regular, Humalog®, or Novolog®) vial and put the needle into the NPH, Lente, or Ultralente vial and draw back on plunger to obtain the total number of units to be given. **Be careful to not draw too far.** If you go beyond the unit you want, squirt the insulin into the sink and start over.
6. Pull the syringe out of the vial and cap loosely.
7. If only one type of insulin such as Regular, Humalog®, Novolog®, NPH, Lente, Ultralente, or Lantus® is to be given, simply insert the syringe into the appropriate insulin vial, invert, and draw the correct amount. Since there is only one kind of insulin in the syringe, you may go beyond line needed and gently push back to get rid of air bubbles if necessary.

THE AIR BUBBLES WILL NOT HURT THE CHILD IF INJECTED, BUT THEY DISPLACE INSULIN AND THEREFORE ALTER THE DOSE

TO GIVE INJECTION

1. Wash site if possible.
2. Pinch up fat layer on thigh or back of upper arm.
3. Inject with quick dart-like motion between a 45 and 90-degree angle. Older kids go straight in—for younger children with less body fat, use angle. If using an Ultrafine II syringe (with a very short needle), then always use a 90-degree angle.
4. Push plunger to inject insulin.
5. Release pinch and remove syringe.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

DISASTER INSULIN DOSAGE

It is prudent to decrease the child's insulin dosage during a disaster to prevent low blood sugar. A general guideline is to give 80 percent of the child's usual dose during a disaster.

The following can be used as an order if the Health Care Provider (HCP) signs it. Alternatively, the **Healthcare Provider (HCP) Order Sheet for Students with Diabetes in Washington State Schools** (Appendix K) can be used to record the disaster dosage (attach). Disaster dosages, wherever recorded, must be updated as the student's insulin requirements change.

THE CHILD'S INSULIN DOSE USING THE 80 PERCENT GUIDELINE IS:

Time of Day	(PLEASE SPECIFY TYPE AND DOSE) Units of NPH, Lente, Ultralente, or Lantus® 0.8 X usual dose =	(PLEASE SPECIFY TYPE AND DOSE) Units of Regular, Humalog®, or Novolog® 0.8 X usual dose =
Breakfast		
Lunch		
Evening meal		
Bedtime		
Other		

USE THIS SPACE FOR OTHER SPECIFIC INSULIN ORDERS:

HCP: _____ (Print/type): _____

Signature: _____

Start date: ___ day ___ mo ___ yr. Termination date: ___ day ___ mo ___ yr. or end of school year ____.

Must be renewed at beginning of each school year.

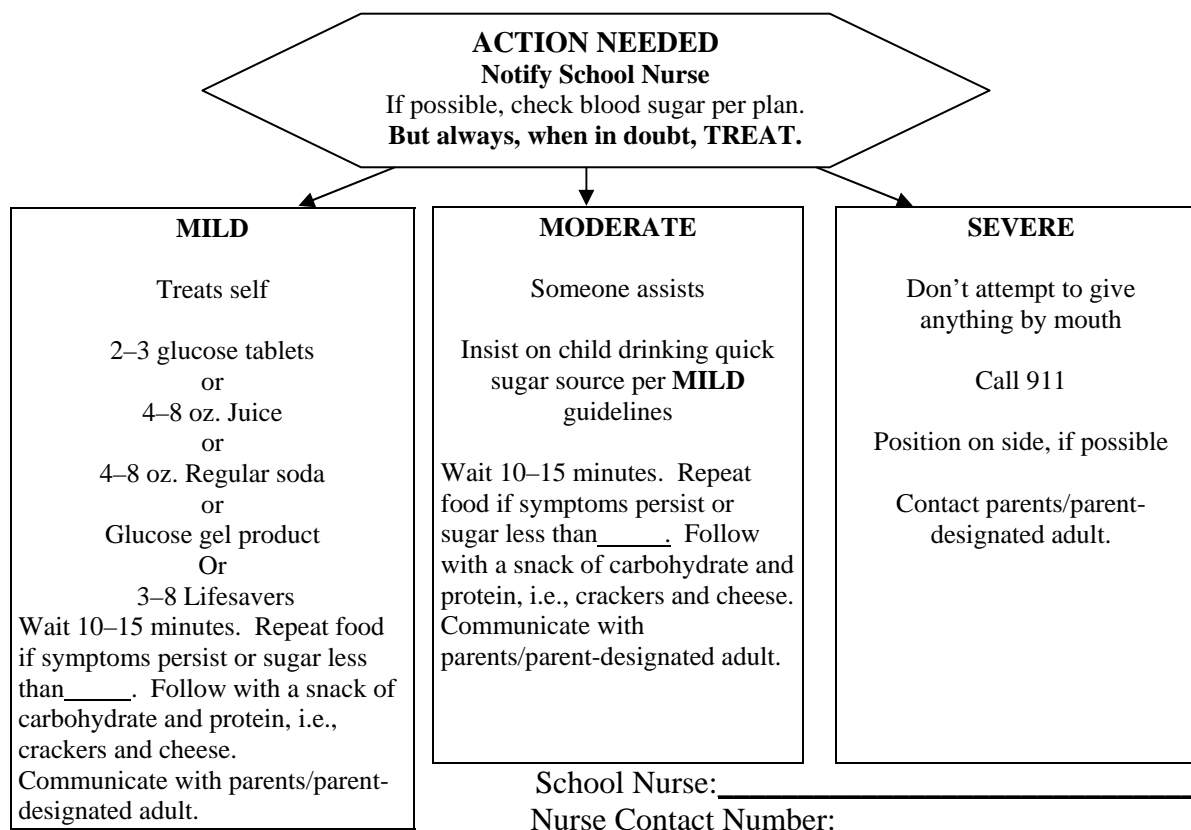
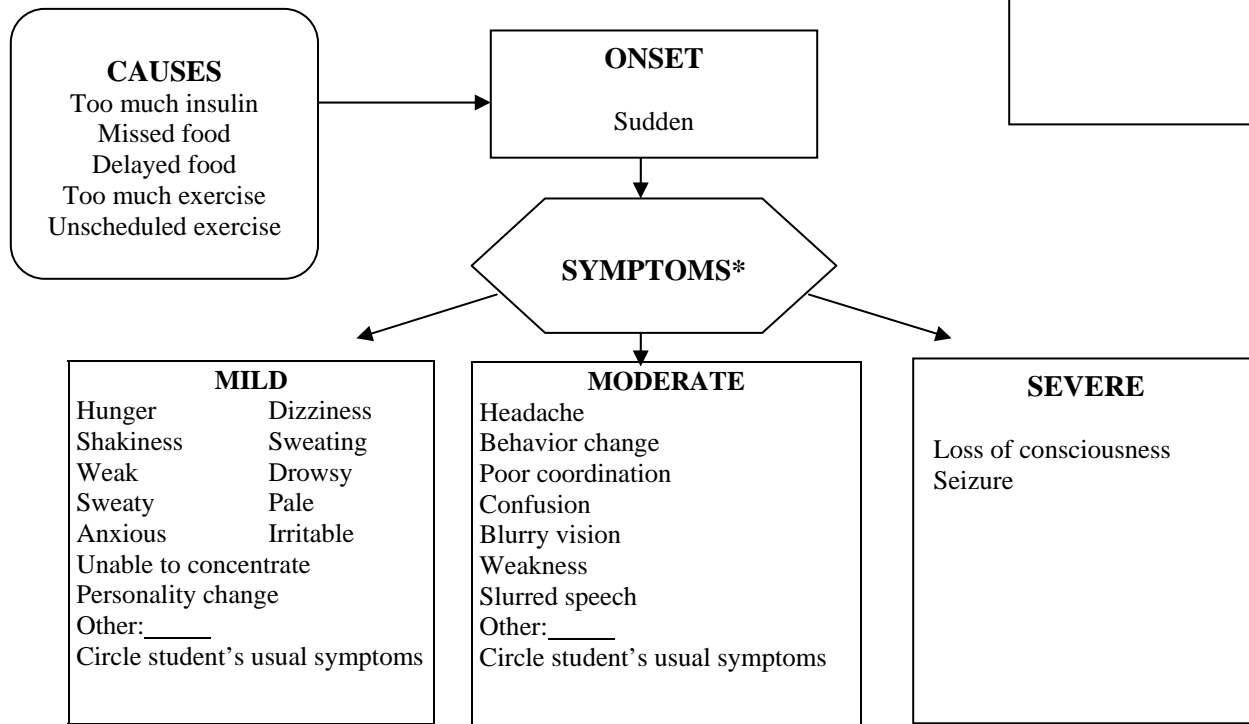
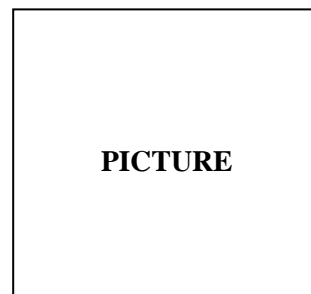
Appendix P

APPENDIX P LOW BLOOD SUGAR SCHOOL PLAN

Name: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Date: _____



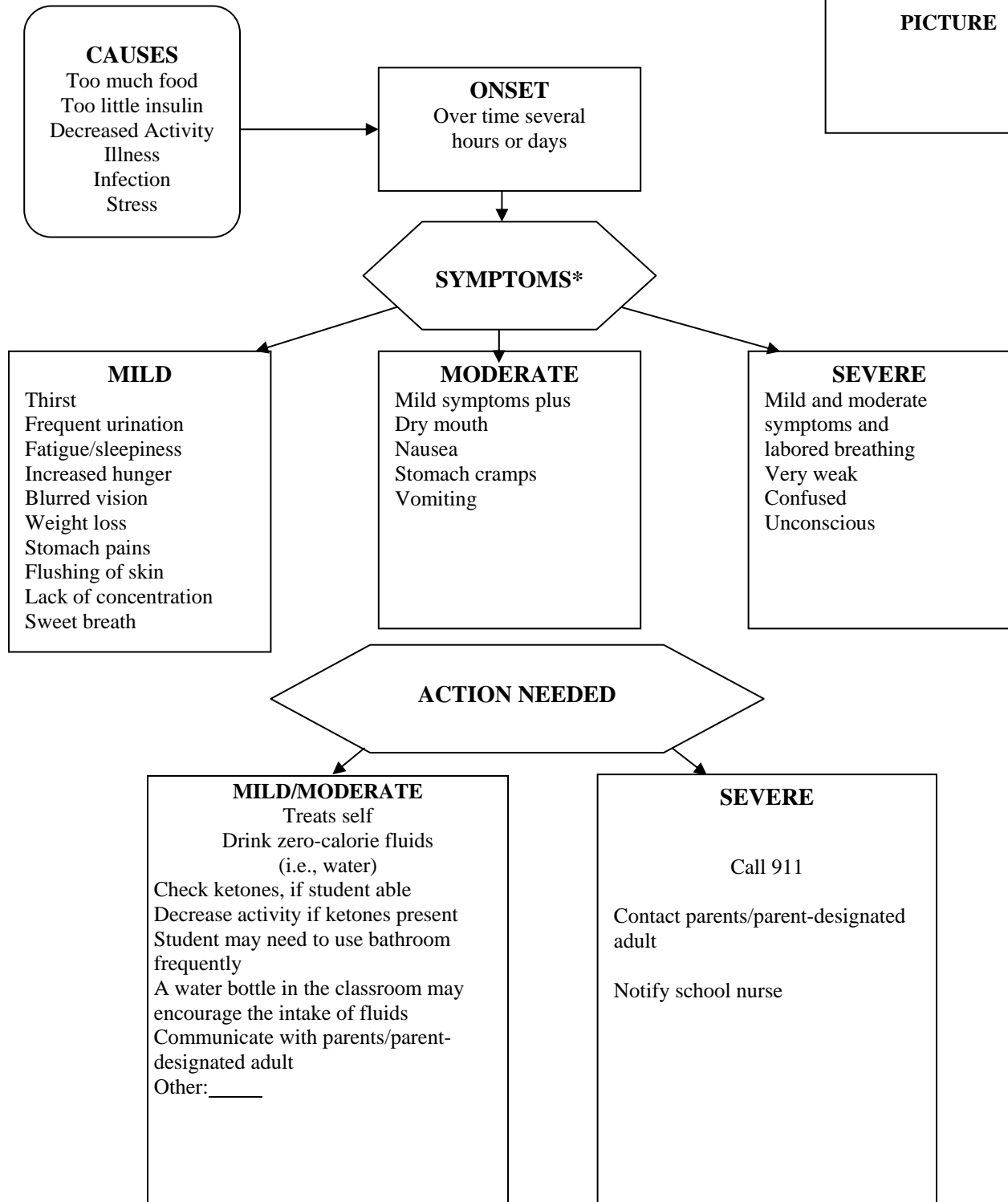
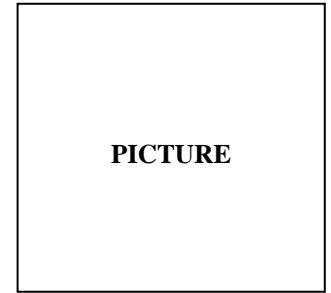
School Nurse: _____
Nurse Contact Number: _____

***Never send a child with suspected low blood sugar anywhere alone.**

Appendix Q

APPENDIX Q HIGH BLOOD SUGAR SCHOOL PLAN

Name: _____
 Grade/Teacher: _____
 Date: _____



School Nurse: _____
 Nurse Contact Number: _____

***Never send a child with suspected high blood sugar anywhere alone.**

Appendix R

APPENDIX R

NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PARTIES AND/OR UNPLANNED EATING

School-specific policy and food provision will be determined by the health planning team and recorded in the student's IHP/Section 504 plan.

School parties are usually a celebration of a particular holiday or occasion (e.g., Valentine's Day, a child's birthday, or a special achievement by the class). Many of the following suggestions for parties are a good idea for all children, since many parents would like their children to eat less sweets and "junk food."

1. **Send the party menu home in advance.** If possible, decide on the menu for the party and send this home with the children in advance. Adults at home can help the child with diabetes decide which food choices are appropriate and in what amounts.
2. **Set the time of the party at the usual snack or lunchtime of the child with diabetes.** For example, if the party is timed toward the end of the school day, the food eaten can be counted as the usual after-school snack. If this isn't possible, try to encourage some active games after eating that will help burn up extra blood sugar or have the party just before P.E. class.
3. **Substitute party foods for usual snack or lunch foods.** Consult with parents on the child's meal plan. The following substitution guidelines may be used:

Carbohydrate choice = 1 starch = 1 fruit = 1 milk

Examples of 1 carbohydrate choice or 15 Grams are: (may also include protein + fat)

- 1 small cupcake (no frosting)
 - 2 tablespoons frosting
 - small (2-inch square) brownie
 - 1 slice thin crust pizza (1/8th of a 10" pizza)
 - 1 fun size Snickers or Milky Way bar
 - ½ cup regular ice cream
 - 2 regular Chips-Ahoy cookies
 - 1 medium (3-inch diameter) sugar cookie
 - ½ cup regular gelatin
 - ½ cup regular punch or juice
 - 3 cups popcorn (buttered is okay)
 - 1 small apple, banana, orange, or 15 grapes
 - 1 small plain cake donut
 - 1 flour tortilla (6 inch) or 2 corn taco shells
 - 1 cup no-sugar-added flavored yogurt
 - ½ cup sugar-free or ¼ cup regular pudding
4. **Use foods that will not raise blood sugar very much.** These foods include "free foods" that have less than 20 calories and 5 grams of carbohydrate per serving and foods from the meat/protein group and the fat group. Examples include:

Free Foods

- sugar-free gelatin or jello jigglers
- carrot and celery sticks
- dill pickles
- "Free" Cool Whip
- salsa
- lettuce, radishes
- sugar-free popsicles
- diet soda
- Crystal Light
- sugar-free flavored seltzers or wafers
- sugar-free gum
- 5–6 sugar-free candies (e.g., gummi bears or hard candies)*

* limit foods with sorbitol as may have a laxative effect

Meat Group

- ¼ cup peanuts
- 1 stick pepperoni
- 1 stick beef jerky
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- ¼ cup taco meat
- 1 ounce cheese cubes
- 1 string cheese
- 1 gobble stick (turkey)
- ¼ cup tuna fish
- ¼ cup cottage cheese

Fat Group

- 5 olives
- 2 tablespoons Cool Whip
- 1/8 avocado
- ¼ cup guacamole
- 1 tablespoon cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons ranch dressing
- 2 tablespoons 1,000 Island dressing

Appendix S

**APPENDIX S:
"EXCHANGE LIST FOR MEAL PLANNING"
CARBOHYDRATE CHOICES**

Starch Choices: 15 grams Carbohydrate, 3 grams Protein, 0–1 grams Fat, 80 Calories

Bread

Whole wheat or white (1 oz. or 30 grams)	1 slice
Light bread (40 cal/slice)	2 slices
Bagel	1 oz.
English muffin	½
Hamburger or hotdog bun	½
Tortilla (6")	1
Pita (6")	½
Plain small roll	1
Pancake batter	1/3 C
Low fat waffle (4½")	1

Cereal, Grains, Pasta

Bran flakes	½ C
Grapenuts	¼ C
Cooked cereals	½ C
Unsweetened cereal	¾ C
Puffed cereal	1½ C
Cooked pasta	½ C
Cooked rice	1/3 C
Cornmeal and flour	3 Tbsp.
Shredded wheat	½ C or 1 lrg Biscuit

Dried Beans, Peas, Lentils

Cooked beans and peas	½ C
Cooked lentils	½ C
Baked beans	1/3 C

Starchy Vegetables

Corn	½ C
Corn on the cob (6")	1 ear
Lima beans	2/3 C
Mixed veg. w/corn/peas/pasta	1 C
Green peas	½ C
Baked or boiled potato (1 small)	3 oz.
Mashed potato (no fat added)	½ C
Winter squash	1 C
Yam or sweet potato	½ C

Crackers and Snacks

Animal crackers	8
Graham crackers	3 sq.
Popcorn (no fat added)	3 C
Pretzels**	¾ oz.
Rye crisps**	4
Saltines**	6
Whole wheat crackers	¾ oz.
Rice or popcorn cakes	2 lrg

Fruit Choices: 15 grams Carbohydrate, 60 Calories

Fresh, Frozen or

Unsweetened Canned Fruit

Apple (2")	1
Applesauce	½ C
Apricots	4
Banana	1 sm
Blackberries or Blueberries	¾ C
Canned fruit	½ C
Cantaloupe	1 C
Cherries	12
Figs	2
Fruit cocktail	½ C
Grapefruit	½
Grapes	17
Honeydew melon	1 C
Kiwi	1 lrg
Mandarin orange	2/3 C
Mango	½
Nectarine (2 1/2")	1
Orange (2 1/2")	1
Peach (2 3/4")	1
Pear	1 sm
Plum (2")	2
Raspberries	1 C
Strawberries	1¼ C
Tangerine	2
Watermelon	1¼ C

Fruit Juice

Apple juice/cider	½ C
Cranberry juice	1/3 C
Low-cal cranberry	1 C
Grapefruit juice	½ C
Grape juice	1/3 C
Orange juice	½ C
Pineapple juice	½ C
Prune juice	1/3 C

Dried Fruit

Apples	4 rings
Apricots	8
Dates	3 med
Figs	1½
Prunes	3 med
Raisins	2 Tbsp.

**Milk Choices: 12 grams Carbohydrate
8 grams Protein, 0–3 grams Fat, 90 Cal.**

Skim/Very Low Fat Milk

Skim, nonfat, 1%	1 C
Evaporated skim	½ C
Nonfat yogurt light	1 C
Buttermilk	1 C

Vegetable Choices: 5 grams Carbohydrate, 2 grams Protein, 25 Calories

(1 choice = ½ cup cooked or 1 cup raw vegetable)

Starchy vegetables are listed under Starch Choices:

Artichoke	Eggplant	Hot Peppers	Tomatoes
Asparagus	Endive	Lettuce	Tomato Juice* **
Bean Sprouts	Escarole	Mushrooms	Turnips
Beets	Green Onion	Onions	Vegetable Juice
Broccoli*	Green Pepper	Parsley	Zucchini
Brussels Sprouts	Greens:*	Radishes	
Cabbage	Beet	Rhubarb	
Carrots*	Chard	Rutabaga	
Cauliflower	Collards	Sauerkraut**	
Celery	Dandelion	Spinach	
Chinese Cabbage	Kale	String Beans	
Cucumber	Mustard	(green or wax)	
	Turnip	Squash	

Soups**

Bean	1 C = 1 carb, 1 meat
Cream (made w/ water)	1 C = 1 carb, 1 fat
Split Pea	½ C = 1 carb
Tomato (made w/ water)	1 C = 1 carb
Vegetable Beef	1 C = 1 carb
Chicken Noodle	1 C = 1 carb

Combination Foods**

Tuna casserole, lasagna, spaghetti w/meatballs, chili w/beans, mac and cheese
1 C = 2 carbs, 2 meats
 Chow mein (no rice/noodles)
C = 1 carb, 2 meats
 Cheese pizza, thin crust
 ¼ 10" = 2 carbs, 2 meats
1 fat
 Meat pizza, thin crust
 ¼ 10" = 2 carbs, 2 meats
2 fats

Other Carbohydrate Choices: Examples of choices that may occasionally be substituted into your Meal Plan.

Angelfood Cake	2 carbs	Sugar/fat free frozen desserts	
Small unfrosted brownie (2" square)	1 carb, 1 fat	(½ C)	1 carb
Plain cake donut (1)	1 ½ carbs, 2 fats	Fat free granola bar	2 carbs
Unfrosted cake (2" square)	1 carb, 1 fat	Ice cream (½ C)	1 carb, 1 fat
Potato chips (1 oz.)**	1 carb, 2 fats	Frozen yogurt (½ C)	1 carb, 1 fat
Tortilla chips (1 oz.)**	1 carb, 2 fats	Jam/jelly/fruit spread (1Tbsp.)	1 carb
Sugar/fat free cocoa (1 C)	1 carb	Fruit pie, double, crust (1/6 pie)	3 carbs, 2 fats
Arrowroot cookie (4)	1 carb	Pumpkin or custard pie (1/8 pie)	1 carb, 2 fats
Fat free cookie (2 sm.)	1 carb	Sugar/fat free pudding (½ C)	1 carb
Gingersnaps (3)	1 carb	Sherbet/sorbet (½ C)	2 carbs
Vanilla Wafers (5)	1 carb, 1 fat	Canned spaghetti sauce (½ C)	1 carb, 1 fat
Cranberry sauce (¼ C)	2 carbs	Light syrup (2 Tbsp.)	1 carb
		Low fat yogurt (1 C)	3 carbs, 1 fat

Meat Choices:**Weight after cooking with bone and excess fat removed.****Very Lean/Lean****7 grams Protein, 0–3 grams Fat, 35–55 Calories**

Very lean beef, lamb, veal, and pork (well trimmed with little marbling; round steak, rump roast, center cut ham***, etc.)	1 oz. 1 oz.
Low fat cottage cheese	¼ C
Cheese (low or no fat w/less than 55 calories/oz)**	1 oz.
Grated Parmesan cheese	2 Tbsp.
Fresh or frozen fish	1 oz.
Clams, oysters, shrimp	5 sm/1 oz.
Canned salmon or crab	1 oz.
Canned tuna (in water)	1 oz.
Fat free hot dogs***	1 oz.
Poultry (skinless chicken, turkey, Cornish hen)	1 oz.

Medium Fat**7 grams Protein, 5 grams Fat, 75 Calories**

Lean beef or pork (rib eye, 15% fat ground beef, sirloin, etc.)	1 oz.
Creamed cottage cheese	¼ C
Cheese (56–80 cal/oz)	1 oz.
Large egg*	1
Egg substitute	¼ C
Liver, heart, kidney*	1 oz.
Poultry (w/skin or ground)	1 oz.
Tofu	½ C

High Fat**7 grams Protein, 8 grams Fat, 100 Calories**

Beef (20–30% fat ground beef, sirloin, etc.)	
Lamb or veal breasts	1 oz.
Pork (spareribs, country ham, *** sausage***)	1 oz.
Cheese (regular or processed)***	1 oz.
Luncheon meats***	1 oz.
Duck, goose	1 oz.
Light hot dogs***	1
Old-fashioned peanut butter	1 Tbsp.
Nuts	¼ cup

Fat Choices: 5 grams Fat, 45 Calories**Polyunsaturated Fats**

Safflower, sunflower, corn, or cottonseed oils	1 tsp.
Margarine made from above oils	1 tsp.
Diet margarine (50 cal/Tbsp.)	1 Tbsp.
French or Italian dressing**	1 Tbsp.
Walnuts	4 halves
Seeds (pine nuts, sunflower)	1 Tbsp.
Mayonnaise	1 tsp.
Light mayonnaise	2 tsp.
Low fat mayonnaise	2 Tbsp.
Fat free mayonnaise	3 Tbsp.

Monounsaturated Fats

Avocado (4")	1/8
Canola, olive, peanut oils	1 tsp.
Olives**	8 lrg
Almonds	6 whl
Pecans	2 lrg
Peanuts-Spanish**	20
Virginia**	10
Other mixed nuts**	6 sm

Saturated Fats

Regular marg.	1 tsp.
Butter	1 tsp.
Crisp bacon**	1 Slice
Cream – Light	2 Tbsp.
Heavy	1 Tbsp.
Sour cream	2 Tbsp.
Low fat sour cream	3 Tbsp.
Cream cheese	1 Tbsp.
Low fat cream cheeses	2 Tbsp.
Gravy**	1 Tbsp.
Low fat creamy salad dressing	1 Tbsp.

**Fat Free or Reduced Fat Foods:
Less than 20 calories per serving.**

Check labels carefully.

Use no more than 1 serving per meal (3/day)

Sugar free hard candy	1 piece	Low fat mayonnaise	2 tsp.
Catsup	1 Tbsp.	Fat free salad dressing	1 Tbsp.
Fat free cream cheese	1 Tbsp.	Salsa	¼ C
Liquid nondairy creamer	1 Tbsp.	Fat free/low fat sour cream	1 Tbsp.
Powdered nondairy creamer	2 tsp.	Soy sauce **	2 Tbsp.
Low-sugar/light jams or jellies	2 tsp.	Sugar free syrup	2 Tbsp.
Fat free margarine	4 Tbsp.	Taco sauce	1 Tbsp.
		Regular or light whipped topping	2 Tbsp.
Low fat margarine	1 tsp.	Fat free mayonnaise	1 Tbsp.
Light mayonnaise	1 tsp.		

Free Foods!

Drinks

Broth, bouillon, consommé**
Coffee, decaf coffee, tea
Sugar free drink mixes
Sugar free hot cocoa/cider (20cal/pkt)
Sugar free soft drinks

Condiments

Horseradish
Lemon/lime juice
Mustard
Dill pickles**
Vinegar

Seasonings

Extracts
Garlic
Tabasco/hot pepper sauce
Pimento
Herbs
Black, red, white peppers
Wine (used in cooking)
Worcestershire sauce**
Salt**
Spices
Garlic/Onion salts**
Lemon pepper**

Other

Sugar free gelatin
Unflavored gelatin
Sugar free gum
Nonstick pan spray
Sugar substitutes

*High in Vitamin A. (Eat at least 1 per day.)

**High in sodium

***High cholesterol foods

Appendix T

APPENDIX T

MEAL SERVICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

Will the food service department provide meals to students with diabetes?

The food service department will provide meals if a diet order is prescribed by a licensed medical authority. The diet order must be very specific and describe foods and portion sizes.

Who pays for meals?

All food and labor used to prepare the food for school lunches and breakfasts can be paid for from food service revenue.

If the school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP), lunch and/or breakfast will be available in the school. Free and reduced-priced meals are available to student based on family size and income. In general, free meals are available to students from families whose income is at or below 130 percent of the federal income poverty guidelines. Reduced-price meals are for families with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of this guideline. Schools will have applications available for families to fill out.

Who pays for snacks?

If the student has an individual education program (IEP) that requires a meal that is generally not provided (e.g., an afternoon snack), the food service department will provide this snack. In this instance the snack and time to prepare it can be paid for from special education funds if the student qualifies for special education.

Disaster or emergency situations.

Schools are generally prepared for inclement weather with food for one or two meals on hand. If a student needs specialized food, his or her parents should work with the HCP and/or a dietitian and the food service staff to plan for emergency situations.

Meals that are withheld or delayed as a disciplinary measure.

Withholding meals as a disciplinary measure is not allowed in the NSLP or SBP. The school must use some other means to discipline its students.

Meals that are withheld because of nonpayment.

This is a school or school district issue. We recommend that the school district or school develop a policy that addresses a way for students to receive meals when they have no cash. The most common method is a petty cash fund that a student can borrow from.

Using food service staff to prepare and portion meals.

Food service staff can prepare and serve meals to students with diabetes based on predetermined diet orders. They can and do portion food based on diet orders.

Using food service staff to monitor students with diabetes at meal times.

Food service employees are hourly workers with very specific tasks. Their jobs are to prepare food, serve meals, and clean up the kitchen. They are seldom in the cafeteria area except to clean tabletops. The use of food service employees to monitor student mealtime is not an appropriate use of scheduled hours.

Appendix U

APPENDIX U

SPECIAL EDUCATION IF PARENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF DON'T AGREE¹

When a child is eligible for special education, the child is guaranteed by federal and state law a free appropriate public education (FAPE) through individualized special education services. Because services are individualized, parents and school districts must work together to determine exactly which services the child needs and how services will be delivered. Sometimes parents and school staff do not agree about what is appropriate for the child's educational program.

When parents and school staff do not agree about the educational program for an eligible special education student, the first step is to consider whether additional IEP meetings would assist in achieving a program that is agreed to by the IEP team. Ultimately, however, it is the districts obligation to offer a free appropriate educational program for the student.

If differences cannot be resolved through IEP meetings, procedural safeguards give parents and schools several options for making decisions about an educational program for an eligible special education student. Section 504 also provides parents with similar procedural safeguards.

Mediation: Mediation is a voluntary process to help parents and school personnel work out their disagreements about a child's educational program. A trained, neutral mediator helps both parents and school personnel clarify issues at no charge to either party. Together they develop mutually acceptable agreements about the educational program for the child with a disability. Because mediation is voluntary, either party can terminate the mediation process at any time, if the parties do not reach agreement. While mediation is an alternative to starting a due process hearing; it cannot be used to deny or delay a due process hearing. For more information about special education mediation services, call Sound Options at 1/800-692-2540 or Washington State Relay Service at 1/800-833-6388 (TTY), or 1/800-833-6384 (voice).

Due process hearing: A due process hearing is the formal legal action designed to resolve disagreements between parents and educators about the appropriateness of a child's educational program or other matters involving the student's eligibility for special education. Parents and school districts are usually represented by lawyers who know special education law. The due process hearing is conducted by an impartial (neutral) administrative law judge who will make a decision on the case. A parent or school district may start a due process hearing at any time to resolve differences. Both parties have the right to file an appeal to state superior or federal court within 30 calendar days of the decision.

Citizen's complaint: A citizen's complaint may be filed when a parent believes that a school district has violated state or federal special education laws or regulations. The complaint must be filed with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The complaint will be investigated and a written response developed within 60 calendar days after the complaint is received.

Discrimination complaint: Anyone who believes that an educational institution that receives federal financial assistance has discriminated against a person with a disability

may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). A complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination unless the time for filing is extended by OCR for good cause.

Procedural safeguards: Procedural safeguards protect the parents' rights to participate meaningfully in decisions about the child's educational program. Procedural safeguards give parents and school staff a set of tools to help them solve problems and settle disagreements about the educational program of a special education student. Both your local school district or the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have copies of the notice of procedural safeguards. The safeguards address many issues including, prior written notice, consent, access to and confidentiality of records. In addition, copies of the notice should be given to parents at specific times. Your school district should be able to go over the procedural safeguards and address any questions regarding them.

Prior written notice: School districts must provide parents with written notice each time they propose or refuse to start or change services for an eligible special education student. Services means any action to identify, evaluate, place, or provide FAPE to a child with a disability.

Consent: School districts must get parental consent for evaluation, for initial placement in special education, and for reevaluation (with certain exceptions) of a child. Districts have the right to request a hearing to determine a child's need for services when parents will not give consent. Parents also have the right to appeal such action.

Access to records: Parents have the right to review all educational records kept by the school district about their child as guaranteed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). When a parent requests such information, the district must provide it without unnecessary delay (within 45 calendar days) and before any meeting about the child's IEP or due process hearing. If parents find an educational record is inaccurate or misleading, they may request changes or corrections. Schools and education agencies must promptly respond to these requests.

Confidentiality: FERPA also protects confidentiality. A parent's consent is usually needed before personally identifying information is given. One exception is when information is given to school officials who have a legitimate educational interest. A school official includes school administrators, supervisors, instructors, consultants, therapists, or support staff (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel). Generally, school officials have legitimate educational interest if they need to review an educational record to fulfill their professional responsibilities. Another exception is to the officials of the school where the child seeks or intends to enroll.

¹*Family/Educator Guide*, Special Education, OSPI, July 2002, pages 55–62, OSPI. Available on OSPI Web site:

http://www.k12.wa.us/specialed/Publications/family_educator_guide/family_educator_guide_2002.pdf. *Family/Educator Guide* is also available in a variety of languages.

Appendix V

APPENDIX V

SKILLS CHECK LIST FOR PARENT-DESIGNATED ADULT

For Additional Care Authorized by Parent

This skills check list is a sample of what could be used in training a volunteer PDA who may or may not be a district employee. The skills included here are for additional care authorized by the parent. A health professional licensed under RCW 18.79 would otherwise perform this care. The training for these tasks is to be provided by a healthcare professional or expert in diabetes selected by the parent. It is recommended that the trainer obtain a copy of the student's individual health plan and/or communicate with the school nurse. This will enable the trainer to provide training consistent with the student's individual health plan for school.

The educator's initials go in the "Instruction Provided" and "Assessment" boxes. Objectives that are not applicable should be crossed out. Individual objectives may be added.

Blood Sugar Monitoring

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies supplies: Meter, strips, lancets, lancet device, cotton ball or Kleenex, Zip lock baggie for strip disposal (optional), log book, if needed.			
Describes steps in monitoring:			
1. Calibration needed and current strips.			
2. How to load the strip and when to change.			
3. How to load the lancet device.			
4. Preparation and choice of extremity to be poked.			
5. Poke forearm vs. finger.			
6. Correct way to operate meter.			
7. How to read the blood sugar reading, i.e., what does high mean?			
8. Storage and disposal of strips.			
Demonstrates obtaining blood sample and running the meter.			

Insulin

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies supplies: Insulin or insulins, syringe, site rotation plan. Sliding scale or decision process for amount of insulin to be given, syringe disposal container.			
Demonstrates administration of insulin: 1. Insulin action—general and child specific.			
2. Site preparation.			
3. Determine what and how much insulin is to be given.			
4. Syringe size.			
5. Air replacement.			
6. Draw up insulin.			
7. How to mix insulins.			
8. Expulsion of air.			
9. Choose area to inject.			
10. Injection of insulin.			
11. Check site for leakage after injection.			
12. Disposal of syringe and storage of insulin.			

Insulin Pen

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies supplies: Insulin pen-specific to child, pen needles, cartridge.			
Describes pen operation: Priming of pen with new cartridge and each time usage.			
Demonstrates administration of insulin: 1. Insulin actions—child specific.			
2. Site preparation.			

3. Determine what and how much insulin to be given by sliding scale or decision process for amount of insulin to be given.			
4. Dial dose needed.			
5. Choose area to be injected.			
6. Inject insulin.			
7. Check site for leakage after injection.			
8. Disposal of pen needle and storage of pen and insulin			

Insulin Pump

Special training outside the normal parent-designated adult instruction is needed. The training must be pump specific.

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned, demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies supplies: Complete change of reservoir and infusion set (only if trained by specific pump trainer for that specific pump).			
Demonstrates and describes giving bolus:			
1. Understand function of bolus.			
2. Calculate amount of insulin to be given.			
3. Give bolus.			
Site change: Will need specific instruction by the pump trainer for the specific set insertion and device used.			
Describes trouble shooting pump:			
1. Call parents.			
2. Know how to respond to and treat high blood sugars.			
3. Symptoms of diabetes ketoacidosis due to failure of insulin delivery or other pump problem.			

Glucagon

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned, demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies supplies: Current dated Glucagon kit.			
Demonstrates administration of Glucagon: 1. When to use.			
2. Proper mixing and administration.			
3. Choose site: Intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SQ) (child specific).			
4. Be sure 911 and parents have been called.			
Describes follow up: 1. Roll child to side in case vomiting occurs.			
2. Monitor blood sugar (see skills section for blood sugar monitoring).			

Low blood sugar (Hypoglycemia)

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned, demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Describes: 1. Low blood sugar per IHP/Section 504 plan.			
2. Signs and symptoms for this child.			
3. Possible causes of low blood sugar.			
4. Treatment of mild, moderate, and severe low blood sugar.			

High blood sugar (Hyperglycemia)

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned, demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Describes: 1. High blood sugar per IHP/Section 504 plan.			
2. Signs and symptoms for this child.			
3. Possible causes of high blood sugar.			
4. Treatment of high blood sugar, and when to test for ketones.			

Ketone Testing

Learning Objectives/Content	Instruction Provided Discussion/ Demonstration	Assessment Returned, demonstration, or verbalized understanding	Comments
Identifies Supplies: Ketone test strips properly stored and dated, containers to collect urine, watch/clock for timing.			
Describes: 1. When to test.			
2. Test procedure.			
Identifies that color blindness, especially in males, will interfere with test interpretation.			

Date of instruction: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

I have received training and understand what has been taught. This instruction is valid for _____, unless changes have been made in the child's regimen.

PDA: _____

Instructor: _____

Appendix W

APPENDIX W

RESOURCES: PRODUCTS

Below is a list of companies categorized by products. Please refer to the following pages for the phone numbers and Web sites of the various companies. This list of products is not meant to be any type of endorsement or to be all-inclusive. Every attempt has been made to assure accuracy at time of press. Most product packaging includes the 1/800 number and these numbers should be called for questions or information.

INSULIN DELIVERY

Insulin

Aventis Pharmaceuticals
Eli Lilly and Company
Novo-Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Syringes

Abbott Laboratories
Becton-Dickinson
UltiMed, Inc.

Insulin Pens and Pen Needles

Disetronic Medical Systems
Eli Lilly and Company
Owen Mumford, Inc.
Becton-Dickinson
Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Insulin Pumps

Animas Corporation
Dana Diabecare USA
Deltec Corporation
Disetronic Medical Systems, Inc.
Medtronic Minimed

BLOOD GLUCOSE (SUGAR) MONITORS

Abbott Laboratories
Bayer Corp., Diagnostics Division
Home Diagnostics, Inc.
Hypoguard
Lifescan, Inc.
Quest Star Medical, Inc.
Roche Diagnostics
Smith Medical MD, Inc
Therasense

Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6048
1/800-255-5162
www.abbottdiabetescare.com

Animas Corporation
200 Lawrence Drive
West Chester, PA 19380
1/877-937-7867
www.animascorp.com

Aventis Pharmaceuticals
300 Somerset Corporate Blvd.
PO Box 6977
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-0977
1/800-981-2491
www.aventis.com

Bayer Corporation
Diagnostics Division
511 Benedict Avenue
Tarrytown, NY 10591
1/800-348-8100
www.ascensia.com

Becton-Dickinson
One Becton Drive
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417-1883
1/800-BD-CARES
www.BDdiabetes.com

Dana Diabecare USA
541 Julia Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
1/866-342-2322
www.theinsulinpump.com

Disetronic Medical Systems, Inc.
11800 Exit 5 Parkway
Fishers, IN 46038
1/800-280-7801
www.Disetronic-USA.com

Eli Lilly
Lilly Corporate Center
Indianapolis, IN 46285
1/800-545-5979
www.lillydiabetes.com

Home Diagnostics, Inc.
2400 North West 55th Court
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
1/800-342-7226
www.thesmartchoice.com

Hypoguard USA, Inc.
One Corporate Center IV
7301 Ohms Lane
Edina, MN 55439
1/800-818-8877
www.hypoguard.com

Lifescan, Inc.
1000 Gibraltar Drive
Milpitas, CA 95035-6312
1/800-227-8862
www.lifescan.com

Medtronic Minimed
18000 Devonshire Street
Northridge, CA 91325
1/800-Mini Med
www.MiniMed.com

Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals,
Inc.
100 College Road West
Princeton, NJ 08540
1/800-727-6500
www.novonordisk.com

Owen Mumford, Inc.
1755-A West Oaks Commons
Court
Marietta, GA 30062
1/800-421/6936
www.owenmumford.com

Quest Star Medical, Inc.
10180 Viking Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
1/800-525-6718
www.queststarmedical.com

Roche Diagnostics
9115 Hague Road
P.O. Box 50457
Indianapolis, IN 46250-0457
1/800-858-8072
www.roche.com
www.accu-chek.com

Smith Medical MD, Inc.
1265 Grey Fox Road
St Paul, MN 55112
1/800-826-9703
www.cozmore.com

Therasense
1360 South Loop Road
Alameda, CA 94502
1/888-522-5226
www.therasense.com

Ultimed, Inc.
287 East Sixth Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
1/877-ULTIMED
www.diabetes-care.com

Appendix X

APPENDIX X

RESOURCES

For questions or concerns regarding this document and school health services:

Gayle Thronson, R.N., M.Ed.
Health Services Program Supervisor
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Old Capital Building
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200
360/725-6040
Email: gthronson@ospi.wednet.edu
Web site: www.k12.wa.us

For questions or concerns regarding nursing practice:

Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission
PO Box 47864
Olympia, WA 98504
360/236-4725
<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS6/Nursing/default.htm>

For questions on diabetes, treatment, support groups, and programs:

American Diabetes Association (ADA)
Seattle Area Office
557 Roy Street, Lower Level
Seattle, WA 98109
1/800-628-8808
<http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 605
Seattle, WA 98101
1/800-925-5533
<http://www.jdrf.org/>

Washington Association of Diabetes Educators (WADE)
206/282-4616, ext. 50
<http://www.wadepage.org/>

Additional resources:

Staff Model for the Delivery of School Health Services
<http://www.k12.wa.us/HealthServices/publications.aspx>

*A Parent & Educator Guide to Free Appropriate Public Education
(under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)*
<http://www.k12.wa.us/HealthServices/resources.aspx>

Family/Educator Guide, Washington State Special Education Services
<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/publications.aspx>

A Parent & Educator Guide to Free Appropriate Public Education (under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973): Puget Sound Educational Service District, November 2002.

Taking Diabetes to School: Training Nurses, Teachers, Administrators, and Support Staff How to Care for a Child With Diabetes at School, Woodinville Pediatrics, 1999—Video. Available to check out through OSPI, Health Services. To order a copy you may call 425/483-5437.

Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel. A joint program of the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, June 2003. Available online at:
www.ndep.nih.gov/resources/school.htm.