

Action		Type	
N	No Response	-	Negative
NA	Not Accepted	+	Positive
A	Accepted	o	Neutral

DATE INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION COMMENTS ACTION/TYPE RATIONALE

§126-25A-1 General

06-15	Dr. Deborah S. Akers Superintendent Mercer County Schools Princeton WV	Intranasal Midazolam -will require extra nursing staff for any building with that order due to the procedure cannot be delegated to non-medical staff. This will require a licensed nurse to be available at any moment. In a rural setting, a school nurse with multiple buildings would not be able to respond in a timely manner. This would cause substantial funding needed to pay for extra nursing staff. - Another component to	NA/o	County school nurse and administrative staff will have to review each individual student's medical and medication history while working with the student, parents and medical providers to determine the most effective means of seizure management to prevent undue effects from seizure activity. The research proves intranasal midazolam (versed) to be safer and more effective during seizure management than rectal valium. The use of an ambu bag and face mask is a consideration not requirement. School nurses must work as a team with parents and medical providers to determine the best methods of seizure management in tandem with county nursing staffing (RN or LPN), location of school, EMS response time, medication response to effectively manage the seizure and prevent undue effects, proper storage of prescribed medications, etc.
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an already difficult situation in a rural setting where it is not uncommon for a rescue squad to respond in 20-30 minutes, or more, is the need for oxygen in the school and bus setting. An Ambu- bag or face mask should be available anytime the medication is used due to the depressed respiratory system. -Although the medicine would be “nicer” and culturally more acceptable to administer nasally, as opposed to rectal diazepam, it could be more problematic. It would also be another potential drug for abuse in southern WV.

-Due to staffing and

proximity of schools in relation to area hospitals, Mercer County would not be able to adopt the policy. It would not be in the best interest in the student's safety and health care needs when other options are available and work just as well.

§Basic and Specialized Health Care Procedure Manual Section III

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In regards to the Administration of Intranasal Midazolpam on pg 72-75, as a school nurse, it would be a precarious situation to have the medication in the school setting. The medication may be an equal resource to give to seizure patients, but the administration is not because it cannot be

NA/o

County school nurse and administrative staff will have to review each individual student's medical and medication history while working with the student, parents and medical providers to determine the most effective means of seizure management in the school setting to prevent the undue effects of seizure activities. The research proves intranasal midazolam (versed) to be safer and more effective during seizure management than rectal valium. The use of an ambu bag and face mask is a consideration not a requirement. School nurses must work as a team with parents and medical providers to determine the best methods of seizure management in tandem with county nursing staff (RN or LPN), location of school, EMS response time, medication response to effectively manage the seizure and prevent undue effects, proper storage of prescribed medications, etc.

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non-medical
staff.

Although, it
would be nice
to have a
school nurse in
every building,
this is
currently not
happening and
funding
doesn't allow a
nurse in every
building in
every county.

The resources
needed to keep
on hand, such
as an ambu-
bag with
oxygen source,
in the school
and school
bus, would be
difficult and
costly. In a
rural setting,
the schools
can sometimes
be far from the
nearest
hospital/clinic
making
response time
inappropriate
to best care for
a student
receiving the
medication. At
this time, this
is not the best
choice for a
school setting.