

WVBE Policy 2422.8, Medication Administration

Action		Type	
N	No Response	-	Negative
NA	Not Accepted	+	Positive
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DATE	INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION	COMMENTS	ACTION/TYPE	RATIONALE
§126-27-7 Administration of Prescribed Medication				
2016-08-09 08:34:28	Carol Cipoletti School Nurse Coordinator Brooke County Schools Wellsburg WV	Policy is well written, inclusive of all possible circumstances dealing with medication. Accept as written.	N	+
2016-08-25 14:43:59	Lori Fizer RN, BSN, NCSN Putnam County Schools Winfield WV	We need to stress the importance of having a school nurse in each school building full time. Parents also need to give medications at home and should only ask the school to do it when necessary. As it is, school nurses are stretched thin between several school buildings and more kids are requiring medications as well as medical treatments during school hours. Medications and procedures are being delegated out to classroom aides, secretaries and principals, none of which are medical personnel. This sets up an environment where mistakes can	N	+

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and do happen daily. As nurses we educate and train those we are delegating to, but we are ultimately responsible. We need more school nurses to care for our kids.

§126-27-10 Emergency Medication

The new sections on Naloxone is a new bonus in the policy that all counties should take advantage of. The faster we are able to save the lives of our students that are suffering from opioid overdose, the better off the student is to continue their life in a more productive manner. It is so important that we adopt this addition to the Med Admin Policy in our ever changing world to meet the needs of students with drug addiction and abuse.

Currently our county does not have a policy for stock epi-pens or naloxone and I pray we don develop one. These are medications that should only be given by medical personnel and

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Families and community members are being trained to administer naloxone within their homes and community

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don belong in a school building. Even if the nurse is the one giving these meds, we don have medical equipment within the school that should be available for these situations. With epi-pens you are expecting someone who has gone through CPR and medication training to assess and treat anaphylaxis, this is something nurses are trained to do, not the average school employee. We are asking nurses as well as school employees to take on a huge responsibility when it comes to giving emergency medications. Only a registered nurse can assess and treat a patient. The legislature needs to understand that when these medications are given in clinical settings there are multiple specialists present as well as medical equipment.

10.14 Second sentence reads "Other medication incidents (e.g. wrong does, incorrect medication administered, other medication errors) shall also be reported." Policies that require reporting of medication incidents to outside agencies are punitive. Better student care, and accurate

settings now with the new legislation.

The responsibilities requested by this policy are to support rare incidence of possible deaths in the public school setting. These laws are especially beneficial to students and staff in rural school districts where response time from emergency medical services may be delayed.

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WVBE and WVDE are required by law to report incidence and use of epinephrine and naloxone. The WV Poison Center is a state funded agency

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documentation, would be supported through policies that allow simple medication incidents to be managed by the parties involved. In the event of a medication error a call to the ordering health care provider and to the parent should be sufficient, along with documentation that would be kept on file with the school administrator and the certified school nurse.

which provides data to school districts, WVBE and WVDE for quality improvement and required state reporting. Having the data reported to an outside agency can be viewed as negative but is a great opportunity to receive aggregate data as a district and state to improve school health practices for student safety as the main goal. The WVDE reports data as aggregate and does not use it as a punitive measure. The reported medication data belongs to each county.

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Medications to be administered from school personnel other than nurses or physicians. Rectal diazepam should not be delegated to unlicensed school personnel unless they agree to administer it. There is a risk of internal damage and they (Aides or Teachers) should not be put in the position to administer rectal medication to a child in a seizure.

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W.Va. Code §18-5-22 (e) requires school personnel hired in special education after July 1, 1989 to provide specialized health care procedures. The certified school nurse RN will not delegate specialized health care procedures to any employee who is refusing to administer the medication. The delivery device and system for rectal valium has been proven safe to administer

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through research and clinical trials with FDA approval. It is also proven safe to delegate administration to non-nursing personnel with a physician order, parent permission and school nurse approval by the WV RN Board.

Only the flexible molded tip of the delivery devices is inserted into the rectum to administer this medication to stop the complex cluster seizure after 5 minutes which could cause brain damage or death without the emergency medication.