

POLICY 2422.7: Standards for Basic and Specialized Health Care Procedures

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

DATE	INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION	COMMENTS	ACTION/TYPE	RATIONALE
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§126-25A-1 General

2017-08-29 14:37:54	kathy lloyd school nurse Jefferson county schools Shenandoah Junction WV	<p>Policy 2422.7 Â Standards for Specialized Health Care Procedures AFT-WV has outlined a few concerns with Policy 2422.7. First, the union is concerned about the availability of Epinephrine in the schools for just anyone to use. While it is important to have the drug available, the use of the drug should be overseen by a school nurse, and only after a proper nursing assessment. Secondly, the use of Telehealth is</p>	<p>1. NA/- 2. A/-</p>	<p>1. Certified school nurse RNs do oversee the training, delegation to unlicensed personnel and assignment to licensed personnel for the administration of epinephrine (section 12.6 of policy). The ability to train, delegate or assign administration of epinephrine falls under the auspices of the certified school nurse RN in accordance with local policies and procedures. The policy oversight is W.Va. Code §18-5-22c.</p> <p>2.The policy language was updated to include at the discretion of the certified school nurse RN to ensure health decisions are made by school nurses instead of non-health professional. This language was inserted based on a request for clarification of practice standards by school nurses</p>
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very concerning to AFT-WV, particularly with the current inadequate staffing levels of school nurses. A decision made using Telehealth will carry the same weight as a decision made during a face-to-face encounter with the student. AFT-WV believes assessment truly requires using multiple methods when evaluating health, not just sight. It also requires relationship building, which is unlikely to occur if a student's interaction with a school nurse is limited to a computer screen. AFT-WV is concerned that

working in Boone county schools to provide policy and practice guidelines for tele-health. It was also included to support access and provide flexibility to twenty first century options of care by WV certified school nurse RNs working in public schools. These options are provided to local school districts to maximize nursing services not remove nursing staff.

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health decisions are being made by non-health professionals who don't fully understand the role of the school nurse. Additionally, there is a fear Telehealth will be used to cut school nurse positions. This scenario has already occurred in Boone County. The use of Telehealth should be overseen by the school nurse, perhaps in collaboration with other health professionals who are familiar with this tool. The cost of a Telehealth system is also a concern of AFT-WV.

2017-08-30 12:08:03 Marilyn Lai-Fang RN, BSN School Health Nurse

The decision to use Telehealth and the cost to do so is

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Jefferson County Schools Charles Town WV	alarming to me. I hope that all other resources and options are exhausted before this becomes policy.	local school leaders. This language was inserted based on a request for clarification of practice standards by school nurses working in WV public schools to provide policy and practice guidelines for tele-health. It was also included to support access and provide flexibility to twenty first century options of care by WV certified school nurse RNs working in public schools. These options are provided to local school districts to maximize nursing services not remove nursing staff.
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§126-25A-8 School Health Records

2017-08-16 12:15:35	Deborah Kaplan Director of Health Services Raleigh County Schools Beckley WV	I would like to see language specifically addressing health care records security and confidentiality. Under FERPA they are considered part of the educational record, however, they are separate files maintained by the school nurse, in a different location from the educational record.	A/ o	Language was added to Section 8.4 to clarify school health records are educational records and should be secured to ensure confidentiality and evidentially included in the student’s final educational record to be in compliance with FERPA.
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§126-25A-9 Staffing Requirements

2017-09-05 15:31:50 Kenna Scott
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I strongly believe that the vast majority of the assessments of students and staff should be done solely by medical professional personal on site at the school. I can see where Telehealth may be useful in some circumstances such as psychiatric counseling to schools where a professional can not be present in person. There are several down falls to Telehealth if it is relied upon such as poor internet connection, internet speed, the inability to feel or touch the patient. As nurses we use ALL of our senses including touch and smell to

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asses each patient as they come in. This can not be duplicated by Telehealth. In addition it is not safe for a person on a screen to assess and treat diabetic patients on a daily basis. The numbers on insulin syringes are small and difficult to see at the best of times not to mention on a computer screen.