



Spotlight on Policy

Policies and Regulations You Probably Never Knew Existed

Administering health services to pupils

The state law governing employee responsibilities in providing health services to pupils is rather clear. § 22.1-274. *School health services* states.

D. With the exception of school administrative personnel and persons employed by school boards who have the specific duty to deliver health-related services, no licensed instructional employee, instructional aide, or clerical employee shall be disciplined, placed on probation or dismissed on the basis of such employee's refusal to (i) perform non-emergency health-related services for students or (ii) obtain training in the administration of insulin and glucagon. However, instructional aides and clerical employees may not refuse to dispense oral medications.

For the purposes of this subsection, "health-related

services" means those activities which, when performed in a health care facility, must be delivered by or under the supervision of a licensed or certified professional.

E. Each school board shall ensure that, in school buildings with an instructional and administrative staff of ten or more, (i) at least two employees have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or have received training, within the last two years, in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and (ii) if one or more students diagnosed as having diabetes attend such school, at least two employees have been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon. In school buildings with an instructional and administrative staff of fewer than ten, school boards shall ensure that (i) at least one employee

has current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or has received training, within the last two years, in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and (ii) if one or more students diagnosed as having diabetes attend such school, at least one employee has been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon. "Employee" shall include any person employed by a local health department who is assigned to the public school pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the school board. When a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician or physician assistant is present, no employee who is not a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician or physician assistant shall assist with the administration of insulin or administer glucagon. Prescriber authorization and parental consent shall be obtained for any employee who is not a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician or physician assistant to assist with the administration of insulin and administer glucagon.

