

School Health Update August 2018

1) The Department of Health's website has changed:

The website may be reached at the following link <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/School%20Health.aspx>

The Division of School Health no longer has the capability to make entries/changes to the website but may ask the person with that capability to make entries.

If the information being sought cannot be found, it may be housed under "E-Library". Select "E-Library" then select the spyglass on the top right corner of the page and enter the topic being searched for. This page is periodically updated and will take some time to load all the information.

2) The office for Sheri Mountz RN school health nurse consultant has relocated:

Sheri is the school health consultant who serves schools located in the NE, NC and SW counties. Her phone number has been changed to: **570-892-4080**. Her email remains unchanged and is smountz@pa.gov

Sue Templin RN is the school health consultant who serves schools located in the SE, SC and NW counties. Her phone number is unchanged: **717-787-8092**. Her email remains unchanged and is stemplin@pa.gov

3) EpiPen's expiration date extended:

The FDA has extended the expiration date, by 4 months, for select **0.3mg** EpiPen auto-injectors manufactured by Mylan. Select the following link to access the brief released by the FDA on August 21, 2018, see the affected lot numbers and contact information for further questions. <https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/FDAInBrief/ucm617724.htm>

4) The School Health Annual Reimbursement Request System (SHARRS):

It is the responsibility of school entities to know and adhere to the SHARRS submission dates.

The SHARRS report is due **no later than September 30th of each year**. The program is open for data entry from May 15 to Sept 30. The Dental Hygiene Services Authorization Plan (if applicable to your school) is open for data entry from April 1 to May 1.

Any SHARRS user may "submit" the dental hygiene services authorization plan.

Only the superintendent/CEO may submit the final SHARRS report.

Schools that do not submit the report timely are subject to forfeiture of the reimbursement per The Public School Code of 1949. Section 2505.1(b) which states "... **Reimbursement on account of health services rendered by a school district or joint school board may be withheld by the Secretary of Health unless the actual expenditures for the health services are certified to the Secretary of Health within three months after the end of the school year ...**"

There is an "INSTRUCTIONS" button located on each page of the program for guidance on the information to be included in the report. Please access these instructions as most of the answers to questions related to report contents are located in the instructions.

Select the following link <https://apps.health.pa.gov/SHARRS/Login.aspx> to access the SHARRS program and to view the instructions.

5) School Nursing Services to students in private/nonpublic schools:

Section 23.1 of Title 28 of the Pennsylvania Code (28 Pa. Code § 23.1), school districts are required to provide specified health services for children of school age who attend an elementary, grade or high school, either public or private. Subchapter B of the school health regulations details the school nurse services that the school district must provide.

Section 23.51 states that a child in private, parochial and public schools shall be provided with school nurse services in the school which the child attends.

Section 23.52 states that the **school nurse services shall be provided through the public school system and** the administration of this service shall be the responsibility of the public school administrator in consultation, as needed, with the private or parochial school administrator.

6) Certified School Nurse (CSN) assignments and certification:

The Public School Code of 1949, Section 1421. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of Health and of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; Rules and Regulations states

(b) The administration and supervision of the educational and teaching aspects of the program shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall--

1. Approve certification of school nurses and dental hygienists for employment by a school district or joint school board and administer and direct their services and program provided, **that the services of school nurses and dental hygienists shall be utilized exclusively in connection with medical and dental examinations and associated health activities.**

It is the expectation that the CSNs rotate on a regular basis to all school buildings which house students under their caseloads. A CSN cannot be knowledgeable of a student's health status if that student is not seen by the CSN.

Certification as a "Certified School Nurse (CSN)" is determined by The Pa Department of Education not the Department of Health's Division of School Health. To access information on the certification requirements and process select the following link <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx>

From the Department of Education's Certification Staffing Policies CSPGs

[http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-Policies-\(CSPGs\).aspx#tab-1](http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-Policies-(CSPGs).aspx#tab-1)

CSPG 95 Principal (Kindergarten-12) ... Supervision and direction of certified and non-certified staff persons required for school operation **exclusive of directing health services controlled by the Nurse Practice Act...**

CSPG 101 Utilization of Paraprofessional Staff ... Paraprofessionals serving as health room aides **cannot be directed to engage in health-related activities reserved exclusively for licensed professionals and controlled by the Nurse Practice Act, or other medically related laws...**

7) Field Trips clarification regarding medication administration delegation:

If a parent chooses to delegate medication administration for their child to another adult (not a school staff) the nurse is to remove themselves from the situation and not engage in delegation or distribution of medications or nursing care.

A school may not delegate nursing functions to unlicensed staff. That staff could be considered practicing nursing without a license. Parents may be invited to attend the field trip to give their child medications but may not be required to do so.

Taking medication from the original container and placing it in another container or envelope and relabeling it for administration by school personnel could be considered dispensing and is not within the scope of nursing practice and could be considered practicing pharmacy without a license.

Pennsylvania Statutes Title 63 P.S. Professions and Occupations (State Licensed) section § 390-8 states it shall be unlawful for:

(2). Any person not duly licensed as a pharmacist... to engage in the practice of pharmacy, including the preparing, compounding, dispensing, selling or distributing at retail to any person any drug, except by a pharmacy intern or such other authorized personnel under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a pharmacist...

(15.1) In addition to any other civil remedy or criminal penalty provided for in this act, the board, by a vote of the majority of the maximum number of the authorized membership of the board as provided by law, or by a vote of the majority of the duly qualified and confirmed membership or a minimum of four members, whichever is greater, may levy a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on any current licensee who violates any provision of this act **or on any person who practices pharmacy without being properly licensed to do so under this act.** The board shall levy this penalty only after affording the accused party the opportunity for a hearing, as provided in Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure).

8) Narcan for schools:

To request 2 free doses of Narcan for all students in public and private/nonpublic schools who are in grades 9-12 submit the request directly to Adapt Pharma using the following link <https://www.narcan.com/pdf/NARCAN-for-High-Schools-2018.pdf>

9) Free student eye exams in the Philadelphia area:

Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) is again this year offering free eye exams on November 17, 2018 from 8:30am to 1:00pm for children age 17 and under who have not had or not passed an eye screening in the past year. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event will occur at the Jefferson Alumni Hall at 10th & Locust Streets in Philadelphia. PCCY can be reached at 215-563-5848 x 17 or at www.pccy.org/sightday.