

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted:
Sept. 10, 2014

Proposed Effective Date:
August 1, 2014

Grade(s) impacted:
7-12

Name: Erin Perewiznyk	Position/Item: GHS school nurse/athletics	Submitted By: Jeff Cusack Athletic Director/Activities Dir	Building: High School
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Proposed cost/amount: \$ 36.00 per hour	Funded through: Athletics 590	Hours/Days per week:	Benefits: Y or (N) (circle one)
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Is candidate currently employed by District:
 No Yes

(if yes, what position) School Nurse
If yes, part time or full time (circle one)

Is candidate a former employee: No Yes

Check references/review district personnel file?
 No Yes

Board Action Requested:

Recommend ratification of Erin Perewiznyk to work two hours in the summer to review sports physicals and properly file physicals in the student's medical file.

Nurse Erin must review the sports physicals prior to having the school physician approve the physical, so that any supporting documentation in the student's medical file can be added to the physical paperwork. This documentation can minimize the approval process thus reducing the amount of time required by the doctor which reduces our cost for the physician. See attached administrative law code.

Details and ramifications:

Nurse Erin will review the sports physicals prior to having them sent to the school doctor. Upon final approval by the school physician, Nurse Perewiznyk will record and file documents. Not to exceed 4 hours.

Positives:

Concerns:

Other Comments:

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Board Date: _____

Approved: Y or N

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From: DeWitt-Parker, Christene [mailto:christene.dewitt-parker@doe.state.nj.us]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 1:46 PM
To: Joseph Vandenberg
Cc: Jenny Hudock; Theresa Cotton
Subject: RE: school nurse review of PPE and medical update

Thank you for your patience. It has been unbelievably hectic in this office, with many other issues concurrent among school districts, in addition to the change in PPE requirements.

There are several parts to the new requirements under the Scholastic Student-Athlete Safety Act (P.L. 2013, c.71) and, in no way, do they alter the previously existing statutory and regulatory requirements for the Certified School Nurse and School Physician to deliver their professional responsibilities under N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 through 41, nor N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3. I realize that it is complicated and therefore understand the nature and number of concerns generated by P.L. 2013, c.71. The PPE is still valid for 365 days. If the PPE was conducted 90 or more days prior to the first practice session of the sport in which the student-athlete is participating, the Health History Update Questionnaire (HHU) must be completed. There has always been the requirement for an "interim" HHU but it was applicable at 60 days (and most schools made up their own form). This new law clearly states that the school nurse must review it (this is not a new requirement, school nurses have always had to review them; it is not clear to me why the legislators put the language in there). What is new is that it states the athletic trainer, if the school has one, may also review it "if appropriate". To me, that means that when the school nurse reviews it she may share it with the trainer if there is something indicated about an acute or chronic medical condition.

To answer your specific questions:

1. Since the PPE must be completed, and student-athlete participation cleared or not cleared, prior to the first practice session, the PPE must be reviewed by the CSN and documented on the A-45 [N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(b)3iii], provided to the school physician, who reviews and provides written notification to parents/guardians whether the student is cleared or not cleared, and if not cleared, the reason why [N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(a)3iv and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)1iv]. To those who question where it states that the physician must review the PPEs: how can the school physician clear / not clear the student unless he/she has reviewed the PPE?
2. It has come to our attention that some schools have been under the misinterpretation that the coach or AD or athletic trainer or the athletic office secretary is allowed to receive and review the PPE instead of the School Nurse. We must remind our colleagues that school districts must comply with the NJDOE Statutes and Code. The PPE is considered a confidential medical/student health record under FERPA. The completed PPEs are supposed to be turned in to the CSN. It is important that schools that have an athletic trainer should allow common meeting time for the CSN and the athletic trainer to communicate about student-athletes with medical conditions in order to promote the health and safety of the student while participating in practice and games.
3. N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(b) states that school district boards of education shall employ a certified school nurse to provide nursing services while school is in session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 and 3.3. Therefore, if a school has an extended school year (summer school, etc) a certified school nurse is required to be present.

I am writing the Q&A sheet in response to the many questions. It will be posted in addition to the recorded webinar in about another week.

Christene

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