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## A Summary of School Health Services

In accordance with New York State Education Law, Article 19 and NYSED Commissioner's Regulations section 136.3:

### **School Health Services includes, but is not limited to:**

Medical examinations, dental inspections and/or screening; vision screening for all new entrants; providing information to persons in parental relations to the student, pupils, and teachers of individual student's health condition subject to federal and state laws; to guide parents, students, and teachers in procedures for preventing diseases; to instruct school personnel in procedures to take in case of accident or illness; to make recommendations concerning the health and safety of school facilities and the provision of health information.

The school medical director, who may delegate some duties to the school nurse (RN), renders the following school health services<sup>1</sup>:

- State-mandated services which include: screening students for hearing, vision, and scoliosis; verification of immunizations; annual immunization survey reported to the New York State Department of Health (DOH); biannual Body Mass Index (BMI) survey reported to DOH; and infectious disease reporting in compliance with FERPA requirements.
- Exclusion of students from school for communicable diseases including monitoring return to school.
- Immunization of students entering school, including reporting and tracking that follows guidelines set forth in Education and Public Health Laws.
- Physical exams during required academic years; for interscholastic athletic participation; for work permits; and as needed following extended illness or injury in order to return to athletic activities.
- Documentation of all health-related assessments, implementation of care, and evaluation of outcomes for all health care given to students and faculty/staff (if included in the school health provider's job description). Such documentation must be included in a cumulative health record as part of the education record for every student. Staff/faculty records are to be kept separately in a secure location.
- Care of children with special health care needs, including, but not limited to, health assessment and development of Individualized Health Plan for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs), required documentation for Medicaid reimbursement, and Emergency Care Plans to instruct school staff in actions to take in caring for student when school nurse is not present.
- Concussion Management policies, including medical director's return to activities protocol.
- Administration of medications by appropriate licensed health professional.
- Case finding and case management for students with special health care needs.
- Triage assessment, and care of illness and/or injury.
- Health education and counseling related to individual health care needs.
- Health guidance information to students, parents, and school staff.
- Counseling, tracking, and follow up for students who are referred for follow up care based on the results of vision, hearing and scoliosis screening; students without adequate documentation of immunizations.
- Connecting students and families with community providers.
- Home visits for follow-up care.
- Professional development.
- Referrals when appropriate for the following:
  - Medical-related issues.
  - Dental-related issues.
  - Committee on special education.
  - Mental health issues.
  - Child abuse and neglect.

<sup>1</sup> Additional school health staff may assist the school medical director or school nurse in accordance with their scope of practice.