



Authorization for an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to Provide Care to a Student with Diabetes in the Absence of a Nurse

Parent Authorization Form

Information to Parents: The health and safety of each student is always of paramount importance to every District employee. The District is committed to providing a high level of care to meet any special medical needs students' exhibit. The 79th Texas Legislature, through House Bill 984, amended the Health and Safety Code to provide more specific requirements for the provision of diabetes management and care services to students in public schools who seek care for the student's diabetes while at school. The school, in conjunction with the parent, will develop for each student who seeks care for diabetes at school an Individualized Health Plan that will specify the diabetes management and care services the student requires at school. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant exercises his or her judgment and discretion in providing diabetes care services and is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

The parent or guardian of a student requesting care for their child with diabetes while at school or school related activities authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to perform tasks necessary to care for the student. Necessary tasks may include the administration of insulin, emergency glucagon, and/or blood glucose testing and monitoring. Under HB 984, if a school nurse is not available on a school campus, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant performs the tasks necessary to assist the student in accordance with the student's individual health plan and in compliance with guidelines provided during UDCA Training.

The principal will supervise and designate school personnel to receive and successfully complete required training in the care of the student with diabetes. Designated personnel serving as UDCA's are not health care professionals.

Please check the appropriate boxes below to indicate your request.

- I authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide the tasks necessary to assist my child at school or school related activities in the absence of a nurse. I understand that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is not liable for civil damages [see Immunity from Liability] Health and Safety Code 168.009.
- I do not authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide care for my child at school or school related activities.
- My child can manage his/her diabetes care independently including blood glucose checks, administering insulin, treating for hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and carry necessary supplies or equipment. I understand the school nurse and/or school personnel will provide emergency care as needed.

This information will be shared with the appropriate school personnel.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Student's Name (please print)

Date

Grade / School



Hays CISD Student Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian,

According to federal law, the school district is required to request parents provide emergency glucagon for diabetic students. The glucagon will be stored in the school clinic for use during the school year, if needed, and returned to parents at the end of the school year if unused. Glucagon prescriptions can be obtained through your child's physician.

Please help us be prepared for a diabetic emergency by providing the glucagon. Please contact the nurse if you have any questions.

Thank you,

HCISD Health Services