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Nurses are #1 again!

14 years as the profession with the highest ethical standards in Gallup's 2015 survey on honesty and ethics.

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**Nurses Rank as Most Honest, Ethical Profession for 14th Straight Year
Ranking Reflects High Regard for Nursing Profession**

Nursing continues to be rated the most trusted profession, according to the annual Gallup poll ranking of honesty and ethics in various fields. For the past 14 years, the public has voted nurses as the most honest and ethical profession in America. In 2015, 85 percent of Americans rated nurses' honesty and ethical standards as "very high" or "high," tying a nurses' high point on the Gallup poll and 17 percentage points above any other profession.

The full report may be accessed at the Connecticut Nurses' Association's Web site at <http://www.ctnurses.org/>.

Congratulations nurses!!

Annual Ordering School Health Records 2016-17 School Year

Annual ordering of CHR and HARs will be conducted via Survey Monkey this year. Detailed information will be provided in the March 2016, edition of the School Nurse Bulletin.

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Addendum B

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

Connecticut offers low-cost or free coverage!

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Is your child protected by health insurance? If not, your school and the State of Connecticut want to help. Connecticut's HUSKY Health program, for example, pays for doctor visits (including physical exams), prescriptions, emergency care, vision and dental care, mental health care, special healthcare needs and more. It's for children under age 19 in families of all incomes. Approximately 300,000 Connecticut children now have their health care covered by the HUSKY Health program.

There are two parts to the HUSKY Health program for children:

- I. **HUSKY A** (or Medicaid) - For children in families with limited income. Parents, relative caregivers and pregnant women may also be eligible.
- II. **HUSKY B** (or Children's Health Insurance Program) - For children in families with higher incomes.

To apply online, please visit AccessHealthCT.com. To apply by phone, please call 855-805-4325 (TTY: 855-789-2428). For general information about HUSKY Health, please visit HuskyHealth.com. **You can apply for HUSKY A or HUSKY B any time of the year.**

Open Enrollment 2016 begins November 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016.

Most Connecticut residents will have to wait until the next open enrollment period to get health care coverage through Access Health CT. You may be able to get coverage earlier if you qualify for Medicaid (HUSKY A or D) or CHIP (HUSKY B) or if you have a **Qualifying Life Event**.

What is a Qualifying Life Event?

Qualifying Events include*:

- Getting Married
- Having or adopting a child
- Permanently moving to Connecticut from another state
- Losing other affordable, minimum Essential Health Benefits
- Having a change in income or household status

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Annual Identification of Students without Health Insurance

Section 10-206c of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that local school districts identify students who lack health insurance and provide information to parents about state-sponsored health insurance programs for children. This memo serves as a reminder to school districts of the requirement to annually identify students without health insurance.

Approaches to identifying students who lack health insurance include capturing information from: required health assessment forms for students entering school and again in Grades 6 or 7 and 9 or 10; and annual emergency contact forms for all students enrolled in the district.

In addition to these approaches, individual school districts may have other systems in place, such as parent liaisons, school-based health centers and family resource centers that may be critical partners in providing families with information on Connecticut's state-sponsored health insurance programs for children. A sample flyer for parents or guardians that includes information on the HUSKY Health program, as well as Access Health CT, Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace, established to meet the requirements of the federal Health Care Reform law (or Affordable Care Act) is located on page 2 of this edition of the *School Nurse Bulletin*.

For general information about HUSKY Health, please visit www.huskyhealth.com. To apply by phone or for additional information about the HUSKY Health and Access Health CT programs, contact their information hotline at 1-855-805-4325 or visit www.accesshealthct.com.

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