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2017 Fall School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Registration at 7:30 a.m.)
Radisson Hotel, Cromwell
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

This year, school nurse supervisors will join with other nursing specialties at the Connecticut Nurses' Association 111th Annual Convention. The Keynote is Debbie Hatmaker, RN, PhD, FAAN, Executive Director of American Nurses' Association, and her keynote, *Health Care at a Turning Point: Seizing the Opportunity*, will be followed by a Panel of Connecticut nurses from specialty organizations. The afternoon includes multiple breakout sessions including: Legislative Boot Camp, Patient Centered Advocacy – It's about them, not you; Palliative Care across settings, and the first meeting of NexGenRN, young nurse professional group.

Special breakout sessions have been designed especially for school nurses that will provide information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state. School nurses will:

- become familiar with new legislation, initiatives and trends in the state;
- review student absenteeism guidelines; and
- network with other school nurses and school nurse supervisors.

PRESENTED BY: Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant, CSDE

AUDIENCE: School Nurses, School Nurse Supervisors, Directors of Special Education/Pupil Services, School Medical Advisors, and Other School Staff

COST: \$125.00 per person (includes breakfast & lunch)

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**State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)
Immunization Department
860-509-7929**

The 2017-18, immunization requirements for enrolled students in Connecticut schools are located on the Connecticut State Department of Education's School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/schoolimmunizations.pdf>. All schools, private and public, must adhere to the DPH immunization requirements for enrolled students in Connecticut schools.



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. Attached is 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).

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. HUSKY forms are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and are located on the [School Nurse Web](#) site.

Resources on Meal Modifications for School Nutrition Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently made significant changes to the requirements and process for meal modifications for children with disabilities in the school nutrition programs (National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program), based on the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently revised the guide, *Accommodating Special Dietary Needs in School Nutrition Programs*, to reflect the revised requirements. For an overview, see the CSDE's *Operational Memorandum No. 13-17, Requirements for Meal Modifications in the School Nutrition Programs*. Please also review the updated resources below.

Sample Medical Statement

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in School Nutrition Programs

Guidance and Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in School Nutrition Programs

Other Resources

Summary of Requirements for Accommodating Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs

Allowable Milk Substitutes for Children without Disabilities

Self-assessment of Local Practices for Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs

For more information, please contact your school food service director and visit the CSDE's [Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Program

Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Program provides consultation to school nurses, school nurse leaders, school administrators and the community regarding the health and safety of students. This consultation and technical assistance includes addressing the provision of health services during the school day and the promotion of health and wellness activities that support student achievement.

The Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site](#), provides links to valuable resources for school nurses and other school staff. Publications and information on this [Web site](#) include:

- Antiepileptic Medication Administration Training Program;
- Concussion Education Plan and Guidelines for Connecticut Schools;
- Education Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Lead Poisoning in Children;
- Emergency first aid for students who experience allergic reactions;
- Field Trips: Guidance for School Nurses;
- Guidelines for Blood Glucose Self-Monitoring in School;
- Guidelines for Cumulative Health Records;
- Guidelines for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Connecticut Schools (Includes Guidelines for Managing Glycogen Storage Disease);
- Health Forms:
 - Asthma Action Plans
 - Health Assessment
 - HUSKY Forms (English and Spanish)
 - Medication Administration Authorization
- Medication Administration Regulations;
- Statutes: School Health and Sanitation;
- Suggested Recommendations for School Medical Advisors; and
- Tuberculosis Control Screening Guidelines in Schools.

2017 New School Nurse Workshop

Dates and information regarding the New School Nurse Workshop will be included in the **September 2017** edition of the **School Nurse Bulletin**.

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