

School Nurse Bulletin



VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

FEBRUARY 2009

Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN School Health Consultant

Special Points of Interest:

- *School Health Services Personnel Update—2009*
- *Ordering School Health Records for 2009/2010*
- *Immunization Update*
- *Husky Children to Benefit in New Dental Program*

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL UPDATE—2009

Please complete the attached form with updated information on your district's school health services personnel in order to ensure timely updates and mailings from the State Dept. of Education. Please return a fully completed form by April 30, 2009.



School Health Services Personn...

ORDERING SCHOOL HEALTH RECORDS FOR 2009/2010

It is time to order Cumulative Health Records (CHR-1) and Health Assessment Records (HAR-3) for delivery in May and use in the 2009-2010 school year. Please complete the attached order form below for your district and return it to Glenda Stuckey **before March 20, 2009.**



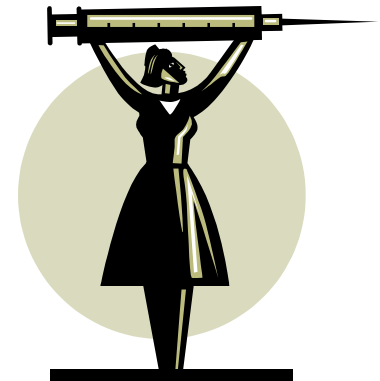
Order Request
09.doc (461 KB)

DELAY IN PROPOSED CHANGES TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The attached memorandum is in regards to a delay in the proposed school immunization regulations for the **2009-2010** school year.



Immunization Requirements Memo...



HUSKY CHILDREN TO BENEFIT IN NEW DENTAL PROGRAM

Children in the State's HUSKY program are now receiving their dental care in a new program, the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP).

Starting last September, the dental programs in HUSKY A & B, SAGA and Title XIX were 'carved-out' of the managed care system and put into the CTDHP, which serves children and adults. Dental reimbursement rates for children were significantly increased, a care coordination component was added and many new providers were recruited.

A new, customer-friendly call center is in operation and may be called Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM: 866-420-2924.

With the CTDHP, dental care is no longer provided under the managed care organizations in HUSKY. BeneCare Dental Plans was selected as the 'Administrative Service Organization' (ASO) to manage the program working out of a new office in Farmington. HUSKY families have been sent full information on the new program.

Help in finding a dentist, making an

appointment, obtaining transportation and general information can be obtained by calling 866-240-2924. For other questions contact Marty Milkovic at BeneCare: 860-507-2302 or milovic@benecare.com .

Marty Milkovic, Director Care Coordination and Outreach, BeneCare Dental Plans, 195 Scott Swamp Road, Suite 101, Farmington, CT 06032

IN THE NEWS...

U.S. Court Rejects Vaccine Connection to Autism

The Wall Street Journal,
Health

Rulings Deny Notion That Mercury Preservative Interacts With Other Childhood Inoculations to Cause the Disorder.

By AVERY JOHNSON , Friday, February 13, 2009 As of 12:00 PM GMT Health

A federal court ruled Thursday that routine childhood immunizations aren't linked to autism, handing down a landmark decision in the controversy over whether vaccines can cause the neuro-developmental disorder.

To continue reading please access Web site: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123445313976177691.html?mod=djemHL>

Schools are no longer being nit-picky about head lice; students are not automatically sent home.

www.courant.com

By DESIREE HUNTER , Associated Press Writer, 2:28 PM EST, February 18, 2009

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — For generations, children with signs of head lice were summarily sent home by the school nurse to their everlasting shame. Now schools have become less nitpicky.

With the backing of some major health organizations, a majority of schools across the country are allowing youngsters to stay in class if they have nits — that is, lice eggs — but no crawling lice in their hair. It's a change recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses, and it has been welcomed by many educators and parents, who worried that students were missing too much school, moms and dads were missing work, and children were being made to feel ashamed.

To continue reading please access Web site: <http://www.courant.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-head-lice-schools,0,5576819.story>

Asthma Newsletter

Asthma Program Contact:
Salina Hargrove
Dept of Public Health
Asthma Program

To access winter 2008 Asthma Newsletter click on the link below:



winter 2008.pdf

STEPHANIE KNUTSON, MSN, RN SCHOOL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Connecticut State Department of Education
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and
Adult Education
25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457

Phone: 860-807-2108

E-mail: stephanie.knutson@ct.gov



**...Keeping CT School Nurses
Informed and Involved!**

We're on the Web!

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&cq=320768>

NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

The State of Connecticut Department of Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal non-discrimination laws. Inquiries regarding the Department of Education's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager, State of Connecticut Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1543, 860-713-6530.