Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy
Series 6000 – Students
Policy #6421 – STUDENT WITH SERIOUS AND/OR LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The BOCES recognizes the need to provide all students with appropriate educational programs in the least restrictive setting and with reasonably adequate accommodations of their medical needs, including those with significant or even life-threatening medical conditions. This policy encompasses any physician documented serious medical condition, such as, but not limited to, life-threatening allergies, and acute or chronic serious diseases or medical conditions.

Accordingly, the BOCES will adhere to all state and federal laws governing the rights of students with special medical needs and will take reasonable measures to ensure the health and safety of all students including students with significant or life-threatening conditions. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Providing necessary precautions and general training in emergency response for staff;
- Training for adults in contact with the student in the recognition and emergency management of a specific medical condition for specific students; said training to be conducted by a Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Registered Nurse or BOCES Medical Director;
- Work with Districts to advise on the creation of Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP); Emergency Care Plans (ECP), 504 Plans, Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) as indicated;
- Having standing emergency medical protocols for nursing staff;
- Maintaining stock supplies of life-saving emergency medications as allowed by the laws of NYS in all health offices for use in emergencies;
- Following specific legal documents duly executed in accordance with the laws of NYS with medical orders regarding the care of specific students with severe life-threatening conditions;
- Allowing self-directed students to carry life-saving medication provided the health practitioner order and attestation and parental/legal guardian consent form is on file;
- In the event the self-carrying student misplaces their medication, allow the parent/legal guardian the opportunity to request duplicate life-saving medication from the health office; said medication to be maintained in the health office;
- Assuring appropriate and reasonable building accommodations are in place within a reasonable degree of medical certainty; and
- Providing training regarding Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

The Director of Exceptional Children in cooperation with the BOCES physician and nursing staff will ensure that the above matters are in place and are reviewed and updated as needed annually.

Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices (Epi-Pens) in the School Setting

The administration of epinephrine by epi-pen to a student with a patient specific order for anaphylactic treatment agent may be performed by a trained school staff member responding to an emergency situation when such use has been prescribed by a licensed prescriber. However, a registered professional nurse/nurse practitioner/physician/physician's assistant must have trained the staff member to administer the epi-pen for that particular emergency situation and given *their* approval to assist the student in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.

Documentation of training must be maintained pursuant to the Anaphylaxis Protocol for Non-Licensed School Staff Members for each affected student. The emergency response by non-licensed

school staff members is permitted under the Medical Practice Act (Education Law Section 6527(4)(a) and the Nurse Practice Act (Education Law Section 6908 (1)(a)(iv) and is covered by the "Good Samaritan Law" (Public Health Law Section 3000-a).

Use of Narcan

For BOCES-based programs only (for example: Tech Park and Paul Road), as opposed to programs based in school district buildings, the administration of Naloxone (Narcan) for a known or suspected opioid overuse may be performed by a Registered Nurse and/or a volunteer. The volunteer cannot be trained in the administration of Narcan until preapproved by the employee's supervisor and then by the District Superintendent/designee to do so. The volunteer will be properly trained in accordance with the New York State Department of Health and New York State Department of Education guidelines. The BOCES Physician is designated as the BOCES Medical Director in accordance with the law related to compliance with the implementation of Opioid Overdose. The BOCES Medical Director shall issue a nonspecific patient order for use of Narcan and is responsible for ordering Naloxone from the New York State Department of Health. The BOCES Medical Director is responsible for registering BOCES with the New York State Department of Health and obtaining a certificate of approval for Narcan use. The BOCES Nurse Practitioner is designated as the Program Director to oversee the program, ensure the volunteers are trained and receive a certificate of completion, dispense and provide shared access to the Narcan for those trained, establish and maintain a recordkeeping system for training and opioid antagonist inventory and use in accordance with New York State Department of Health guidelines, act as a liaison with the EMS, assist in collecting, reviewing and reporting on overdoses and Narcan administration to the BOCES Medical Director, and provide reports on a quarterly basis to the New York State Department of Health, as required.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Prevention Act

A student who displays signs or symptoms of pending Sudden Cardiac Arrest during physical activities (defined as PE, recess or similar activities during the school day) must be immediately removed from such activity and evaluated by a health care provider. The student cannot return until the school nurse receives written clearance from a health care provider, physician, nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA). The written authorization to resume physical activities must be on file in the student's cumulative health record.

School must follow any limitations or restrictions concerning school attendance and physical activities ordered by the student's physician or health care provider.

Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) will be on site per BOCES policy #5142.

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