



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may or may not be aware of a new Ohio school law that changes the permissible protocols for the administration of prescription drugs, including insulin and glucagon, to students in Ohio schools.

Effective July 1, 2011, only school employees who are licensed health professionals (normally school nurses), or employees who have completed a drug administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional and considered appropriate by the school board, may administer to a student a prescription drug.

In June, DYS sent a letter outlining these changes to all of the school superintendents in the areas we serve. We're e-mailing you now to:

1. Make you aware of the new law
2. Alert you that the school personnel you will work with may be someone new
3. Encourage you to be proactive to ensure your school has made the necessary changes to comply with the new law, including having multiple personnel in your child's building who are qualified under the new law to administer insulin and glucagon
4. Know that you can share with your school that DYS has medical professionals who will go to your school and provide training to ensure school personnel are complying with the new law

As you know, constant, active diabetes management is the key to students maintaining life-long health. It's important for you to keep open lines of communications with your school's personnel. Don't be hesitant to ask them questions about what steps they've taken to be compliant with the new law.

As always, DYS is here to help you. If at any time you have a question or concern about the new law or about the way your school is handling the transition, contact us for assistance.

Warm Regards,

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