

ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services by Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant

Information to Parents: The health and safety of each student is always of paramount importance to every Arlington ISD employee. The District is committed to providing a high level of care to meet any special medical needs students exhibit. To help carry out this commitment, Arlington ISD assigns a Registered Nurse to each campus. The 79th Legislature, through House Bill 984, amended the Health and Safety Code to provide more specific requirements for the provision of diabetes management and care services to student in public schools who seek care for the student's diabetes while at school. The school, in conjunction with the parent, will develop for each student who seeks care for diabetes at school an Individualized Health Plan that will specify the diabetes management and care services the student requires at school. Traditionally, the school nurse has provided any medical care students might require at school. Under HB 984, each school also must train other employees to serve as Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistants who can provide diabetes management and care services *if a nurse is not available* when a student needs such services. Such services include the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon. Arlington ISD has trained staff at each school to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant exercises his/her judgement and discretion in providing diabetes care services and that nothing in the statute limits the immunity from liability afforded to employees under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

Under HB 984, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 if the Texas Education Code.

Please select the appropriate choice below to indicate your election whether to allow 1. An Unlicensed Care Assistant to provide services to your child; 2. Self-care; 3. Bus ridership

1. Agreement for Services: I authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code

_____ Yes, the UDCA may provide services to my child. _____ No, the UDCA may not provide services to my child.

2. My child can manage his/her diabetes independently in the absence of the nurse and will not seek assistance from the UDCA. I understand the UDCA or other school personnel will provide emergency care as needed. This information will be shared with school personnel as needed.

_____ Yes, my child can care for his/her diabetes as above. _____ No, my child cannot care for his/her diabetes as above and will require assistance from the UDCA

3. Will your child ever ride the bus to/from school? _____ No _____ Yes Bus # _____

Student Printed Name

School

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date Signed