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The Board of Education shall appoint at least one school physician pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1. The Board will appoint a lead school physician to serve as health services director if more than one school physician is required. The school physician shall be currently licensed by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners in medicine or osteopathy whose training and scope of practice includes child and adolescent health and development. The school district shall conduct a criminal history background check on any physician before entering into an agreement for delivery of services.

The school physician shall provide, at a minimum, the following services:

1. Consultation in the development and implementation of school district policies, procedures, and mechanisms related to health, safety, and medical emergencies pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a);
2. Consultation to school district medical staff regarding the delivery of school health services, which includes special health care needs of technology supported and medically fragile children, including those covered by 20 U.S.C. § § 1400 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act;
3. Consultation to the Board of Education, school district administrators, and staff as needed;
4. Physical examinations conducted in the school physician's office or other comparably equipped facility for pupils who do not have a medical home or whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has identified the school as the medical home for the purpose of a sports physical examination;
5. Provision of written notification to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) stating approval or disapproval of the pupil's participation in athletics based upon the medical report;
6. Direction for professional duties of other medical staff;



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7. Written standing orders that shall be reviewed and reissued before the beginning of each school year;
8. Establishment of standards of care for emergency situations and medically-related care involving pupils and school staff;
9. Assistance to the certified school nurse or non-certified nurse in conducting health screenings of pupils and staff and assistance with the delivery of school health services;
10. Review, as needed, of reports and orders from a pupil's medical home regarding pupil health concerns;
11. Authorization of tuberculin testing for conditions outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(c);
12. Review, approval, or detail of reasons for denial of a pupil's physician's determination of anticipated confinement and resulting need for home instruction; and
13. Consultation with the school district certified school nurse(s) to obtain input for the development of the school Nursing Services Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1.

The Board shall employ a certified school nurse to provide nursing services while school is in session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 and 3.3. The certified school nurse shall work under the direction of the school physician and Superintendent of Schools.

The certified school nurse shall possess an educational certificate for school nurse or school nurse/non-instructional pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.3 and 13.4. The certified school nurse shall possess a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing and valid, current Providers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council, or other entities determined by the Department of Health and Senior Services to comply with the American Heart Association's CPR guidelines.

The certified school nurse shall receive training in airway management and in the use of nebulizers and inhalers consistent with nationally recognized standards including, but not limited to, those



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of the National Institutes of Health and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

The role of the certified school nurse shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Carrying out written orders of the medical home and standing orders of the school physician;
2. Conducting health screenings which include height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision, and scoliosis pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 and monitoring vital signs and general health status for emergent issues for pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and controlled dangerous substances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4;
3. Maintaining pupil health records, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;
4. Recommending to the school Principal those pupils who shall not be admitted to or retained in the school building based on a parent's failure to provide evidence of the child's immunization according to the schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4;
5. Annually reviewing pupil immunization records to confirm with the medical home that the medical condition for the exemption from immunization continues to be applicable, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3;
6. Recommending to the school Principal exclusion of pupils who show evidence of communicable disease, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7 and 8;
7. Directing and supervising the emergency administration of epinephrine and training school staff designated to serve as delegates, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.6;
8. Administering asthma medication through use of a nebulizer;
9. Directing and supervising the health services activities of any school staff to whom the certified school nurse has delegated a nursing task;
10. Classroom instruction in areas related to health pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.3;



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11. Reviewing and summarizing available health and medical information regarding the pupil and transmitting a summary of relevant health and medical information to the Child Study Team for the meeting pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4(h);
12. Writing and updating, at least annually, individualized health care plan and the individualized emergency healthcare plan for pupils' medical needs and instructing staff as appropriate;
13. Writing and updating, at least annually, any written healthcare provisions required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794(a), for any pupil who requires them;
14. Implementing and assisting in the development of healthcare procedures for pupils in the event of an emergency;
15. Instructing teachers on communicable disease and other health concerns, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3; and
16. Providing other nursing services consistent with the nurse's educational services certification endorsement as a school nurse issued by the State Board of Examiners and current license approved by the State Board of Nursing.

A certified school nurse who possesses the school nurse/non-instructional certificate is not authorized to teach in areas related to health pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.4.

The Board may appoint a non-certified nurse under the supervision of a certified school nurse to supplement the services of a certified school nurse as outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.3. The non-certified nurse shall be assigned to the same school building or complex as the certified school nurse pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3.3.

A non-certified nurse shall possess a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing and a valid, current Providers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/AED certification as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council, or other entities determined by the Department of Health and Senior Services to comply with American Heart Association CPR guidelines.



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A non-certified nurse is limited to providing the following services:

1. Carrying out written orders of the medical home and standing orders of the school physician;
2. Conducting health screenings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 which includes height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision, and scoliosis;
3. Maintaining pupil health records pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;
4. Recommending to the school Principal those pupils who shall not be admitted to or retained in the school building based on a parent's failure to provide evidence of the pupil's immunization according to the schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4;
5. Recommending to the school Principal exclusion of pupils who show evidence of communicable disease pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7 and 8;
6. Implementing school district healthcare procedures for pupils in the event of an emergency;
7. Instructing teachers on communicable disease and other health concerns pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3; and
8. Providing other nursing services consistent with the nurse's current license approved by the State Board of Nursing.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3 et seq.

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