

Emergency Nursing Services Policy

Definitions:

“Professional Nurse”: is a nurse who has a certificate of registration under s. 441.06 or who is licensed as a registered nurse in a party state, as defined in s. 441.50 (2) (j) who performs for compensation of any act in the observation or care of the ill, injured, or infirm, or for the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others, that requires substantial nursing skill, knowledge, or training, or application of nursing principles based on biological, physical, and social sciences, herein referred to as the School Nurse.

“Delegation”: the process for a nurse to direct another person to perform nursing tasks and activities.

“Medical Advisor”: physician licensed to practice in the State of Wisconsin.

Policy

1. The emergency nursing services, including first aid services, will be provided by the School District of Manawa and will be available during the school day and at all school sponsored activities in accordance with state law.
2. The emergency nursing services program shall be under the direction of the school nurse, medical advisor, district administrator and designated employees.
3. The Manawa School District shall employ a School Nurse currently licensed in the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of directing and providing emergency nursing services.
4. A qualified physician shall serve as Medical Advisor for an annually renewable 1 year term.
5. The Medical Advisor, in conjunction with a School Nurse and the district administrator shall assist the school board in the annual review of policies, procedures and first aid standing orders/protocols pertaining to the Emergency Nursing Services Program.
6. There shall be a designated person in each building responsible for carrying out the emergency nursing procedures during school hours and at all functions conducted by the district and attended by students. For athletic contests, field trips, and co curricular events, the person in charge of the event shall either serve as emergency service person or designate someone else to do so .
7. An annually updated emergency card shall be maintained for each student. The purpose of the card is to provide direction to school personnel regarding emergency which dictates immediate medical attention for a student.
8. Equipment and supplies adequate for the emergency nursing service shall be in a designated, readily accessible area in each building. First aid kits may be kept in other designated areas.

References:

1. Wisconsin School Health Services Project (2013) *Emergency nursing services sample policies and procedures* for the *District hired school nurse*. Available at:
<http://www.wpha.org/?page=Resourcesprojects>
2. *Wisconsin Statute Sections 118.135, 118.07, 118.125, 118.29, 118.291, 121.02(1)g*