

**Plano Independent School District  
School Health Services  
Diabetic Protocol**

**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 PISD employee. The district is committed to providing a high level of care to accommodate any special medical needs for which students may require assistance while at school. To help carry out that commitment, PISD strives to have a Registered Nurse assigned to each campus. The 79<sup>th</sup> Texas 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 students in public schools who seek care for the student's diabetes while at school. For each student who seeks care for diabetes at school, the school, following the doctor's medical management and treatment plan, in conjunction with the parents, will develop an Individualized Medical Management Plan that will specify the diabetes management and care services the student requires at school. In addition to the school nurse, under HB 984, each school also must train other employees to serve as Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistants (UDCA) who can provide diabetes management and care services if a nurse is not available when a student needs such services. Such services include, but are not limited to, the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon. Each school in which a student with diabetes is enrolled has a trained staff to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant (UDCA) exercises his or her judgment and discretion in providing diabetes care services and that nothing in the statute limits the immunity from liability afforded to district 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 parents/guardians authorize 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 of the Texas Education Code.

**Please check the appropriate box below to indicate your election whether to allow an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide services to your child:**

**YES** 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. I give my permission for my child's picture to be placed on the Quick Reference Emergency Plans.

**NO I DO NOT** authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand that in the event the school nurse is not available, I the parent/guardian will be responsible for administration of the diabetic care.

**If NO, form must be notarized:**

This document was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200,  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

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STUDENT NAME (*please print*)

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SCHOOL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date Signed