

Happy November and Early Holiday Season! We hope that the initial months of this school year have gone well. Please forward this to your peers and school nursing staff. We provide this information for ALL school nurses.



### **New Delivery Forms of Glucagon**

At least two new glucagon preparations have been FDA approved in 2019 (nasal and subcutaneous auto-injection forms). These are prescription medications used to treat very low blood sugar (severe hypoglycemia) in people with diabetes ages 4 years and above, as an alternative to injectable glucagon. Information on use is available at the websites of companies that supply these products if you receive an order for administration.

### **North Carolina School Health Program Manual - Announcement**

The North Carolina School Health Program Manual is in process of final revision. The manual will be available in a more user-friendly format on the new Division of Public Health's school nurse webpage when it opens in 2020. The webpage will also include other resources and information needed by the practicing school nurse. Please ask your regional consultant for updates when using current manual content until publication.



### **Finding the Right Dental Home for Youth with Special Needs**

Debbye Krueger, RDH, BS, FAADH, a program consultant with the Division of Public Health, Children and Youth Branch, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has provided a resource checklist for those seeking a dental home, in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Dental care is important for all children; but additional support may be needed for those with special needs. This checklist is meant to help with access to care and to build positive relationships with the dental care team.

### **Flu Resources**

Influenza season began on October 1. As a reminder, [flu resources](#) and information about vaccinations are available on the NC Epidemiology website. This site also includes the graph of current flu activity and mortality. CDC provides guidance for School Administrators located [here](#).



### **Improving Student Health and Academic Achievement through Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Management of Chronic Conditions in Schools**

While year one (fiscal year 2018-2019) of this CDC grant was dedicated to the revision of resources for school nurse case management of chronic health conditions, year two is focused on the roll out of those materials. Identified target counties are currently piloting those resources which will also be available for use by all North Carolina school districts. For more information, please contact your regional consultant. All districts are encouraged to work toward a standards-based program for students with chronic health conditions with all school nurses involved.



### **Annual School Health Services Reports**

Data from past reports is located on the [Women & Children's Health Data and Publications page](#). A variety of state and county level data is also available. Take a look at the most recent data and see how this information might be useful in assessing and improving the quality of your school health program. Everyone has been asked to review their data collection process. For those with a need for a collection tool, a new Excel workbook has been made available. It is at the bottom of the [2019-2020 School Health Services Resources](#) page. Worksheets and definitions for the 2019-2020 report are also provided and are important in assuring consistency in your data collection. Section One and Staffing Form A are due by December 1, 2019.

### **School Nurse Association of North Carolina (SNANC) Grant Initiative**

SNANC offers two grants per year for up to \$500 to qualifying applicants. These grants are used to advance the profession of school nursing in the areas of health promotion/education, disease prevention, and profession enhancing research. Qualifying applicants must be SNANC members and submit proposals by one of the two biannual deadlines which are November 15 and March 15. Proposals will be reviewed by the Grant Committee and one grant will be awarded in January and the second in June. Proposals not awarded grants at the November deadline will automatically be considered for the March deadline. Visit the [SNANC Website](#) for an application.



### **Medicaid Reimbursement for School Nursing Services**

During the Fall Regional Updates an overview of requirements for successful reimbursement of select school nursing services for LEAs was provided. At this time nursing leaders should be engaged in discussions with district leaders regarding policy and process for the addition of nursing services. School nurses should be practicing and documenting in a manner consistent with Medicaid requirements in anticipation of billing since those requirements mimic NC Board of Nursing Requirements. Resources are available for the POC/IHP template, Progress Note, and Medication Administration Record. Please contact your regional consultant for needed assistance.

### **NBCSN School Nurse Certification Exam**

Spring Testing Window: March 5-18, 2020, with score reports to be sent by May 13, 2020. Registration opened November 14, 2019 and closes February 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. EST. Registration and additional information is available [here](#). The National Board for Certification of School Nurses also provides a list of suggested resources and information about [exam preparation](#).



### **School Nurse Orientation Modules**

The target audience for this online course includes all new school nurses and is a required component of the School Nurse Funding Initiative (SNFI) and Program 351 school nurse orientation. The orientation course is an introduction and prerequisite to future offerings of School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities. At this time the course has reached the end of its current approval period and is closed

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for revision. Information on course reopening will be forthcoming from your Regional School Health Consultant.

**School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities**

This is an interactive, face-to-face session that is a follow up to the above online modules. This workshop is a requirement for SNFI and Program 351 nurses and recommended for NC school nurses. Workshops were held in Wayne and Buncombe counties in October. Two additional are scheduled for spring. Contact hours are provided. Registration information will be available closer to time of the spring classes, please share the dates:

- Monday, March 23 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cardinal Room, DPH, Six Forks Road, Raleigh.
- Wednesday, April 1 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Catawba Valley Health System, Hickory.

**Greensboro AHEC: Substance Abuse in the School Setting**

Friday, December 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, 1121 N. Church St., Greensboro, NC. The most commonly abused prescription and illegal drugs will be discussed as well as the unwanted consequences. Learn the red flags to help identify when/if a student is abusing drugs. Participants will gain knowledge about vaping, latest trends and will be provided with strategies and interviewing skills to work effectively with students. For more information click [here](#).

**Southern AHEC School Nurse Conference**

The Southern AHEC 18th Annual School Nurse Conference is designed to address health care topics that school nurses are challenged with every day. Hands-on training with naloxone and epinephrine administration, lice assessment, along with fracture and sprain management will be presented. January 21-22 in Pinehurst. For more information click [here](#).

**MAHEC: Online School Nurse Certification Examination Review: Seven start dates in 2020!**

This online, eight-week, self-paced certification study guide covers content areas for the School Nurse Certification Exam. This review features pre- and post-test study questions, as well as a final practice exam that simulates the School Nurse Certification Exam. Click [here](#) for more information.

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