

S.F. No. 859 – School Health Services

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Section 1. School Health Services.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “clinical nursing provider,” “clinical nursing services,” and “pupil who is medically fragile.”

Subd. 3. Clinical nursing services at school. (a) Requires that a pupil who is medically fragile and who requires clinical nursing services at home must receive the same level of clinical nursing services care at school or while being transported to and from school.

(b) Requires that a parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is medically fragile and who requires clinical nursing services at school or while being transported to and from school must meet with the school to discuss options available. The options include, but are not limited to:

(1) Allowing the pupil’s clinical nursing provider from home to provide clinical nursing services to the pupil. These services are paid for by the pupil’s home care services or other insurance.

(2) Allowing the school to contract with the pupil’s existing clinical nursing provider.

(3) Allowing the school to arrange for clinical nursing services for the pupil either by school staff or a contract with another clinical nursing services provider.

(c) Requires the school and parents or legal guardians of a pupil who is medically fragile to consider various factors when looking into options for arranging for clinical nursing services. These factors include:

(1) Whether the clinical nursing provider is able to provide the specific clinical nursing services the pupil requires.

(2) How familiar the clinical nursing provider is with the pupil's clinical nursing service needs.

(3) How the selection of a clinical nursing provider impacts the availability of clinical nursing services for the pupil at home.

(d) Clarifies the following for this subdivision:

(1) Requires that an eligible provider must have a license issued by the Board of Nursing under **chapter 148** and have complied with federal law and all school district policies.

(2) Allows the school district and nurse or clinical nursing service provider to enter into agreements as necessary so that mutual expectations in the school environment are set.

(3) States that the school district bears no liability for the actions of nurses on school grounds under this paragraph.

(4) Requires that the clinical nursing provider or nurse be supervised by their employer if they are not employed by the school district.