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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION ACCORDING TO PROTOCOLS WRITTEN BY SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Purpose: To guide the practice of the Registered Nurses who, within their practice as School Nurses, administer Over-the-Counter Medications (OTC).

School Nurses may administer over-the-counter medications to students in Massachusetts schools based on protocols which have been developed in collaboration with the school department's physician. **The Nurse Practice Act requires nurses to have an order from an authorized prescriber prior to administering ALL prescription and non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications. Protocols must include:**

- Drug name
- Dose
- Dosage Interval
- Indications and Contraindications
- Potential Adverse Effects
- Assessment factors the nurse must employ prior to administering the medication

Current medications which the student is taking and the student's history of allergies must be part of the assessment.

Parental consent for use of a drug according to the protocol must be on file and available to the nurse, as well as all information about the student's known allergies.

Documentation of over-the-counter medication administered according to such protocols must conform to the school department's regulations for documentation of medication administered to students.

Policy References:

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, which governs nursing practice, issues this Advisory Ruling on Nursing Practice pursuant to Massachusetts

General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 8, and Chapter 112, Section SOB.
Advisory Ruling 9207

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