



## **Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services by Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistants**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for Parents/Guardians:** The 79th 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. The school, in conjunction with the parent, will develop for each student who seeks care for diabetes at school an Individualized Health Plan that will specify the diabetes management and care services the student requires at school.

Traditionally, the school nurse has provided any medical care students might require at school. 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 blood glucose monitoring, the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon administration. Orenda has trained staff at each school to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an 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 employees under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

Under HB 984, a UDCA may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes a UDCA to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an UDCA 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.

**NO**      I Do Not authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand the school nurse, if available, or EMS will provide emergency care as needed.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_