PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Health Services

Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services by Unlicensed Diabetic Care Assistant (UDCA)

Information to Parents: The parent or guardian requesting care for his/her child with diabetes while at school, or school-related activities, authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetic Care Assistant (UDCA) to perform tasks necessary to care for the student. Necessary tasks may include the administration of insulin or emergency glucagon, and blood glucose testing and monitoring. If a school nurse is not available or is not assigned on a school campus, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant exercises his or her judgement and discretion in providing diabetes care services in accordance with the student's Diabetes Management and Treatment Plan (DMTP) and with guidelines provided during UDCA training.

The student's medical provider and the parent/guardian develop the DMTP. The parent provides the DMTP to the school. Upon receiving the student's DMTP, the school principal, or designee, and the school nurse, if a school nurse is assigned to the school, shall develop an individualized health plan (IHP) for the student in collaboration with other school personnel. The principal will supervise and designate school personnel to receive and successfully complete required training in the care of the student with diabetes. Designated personnel serving as UDCAs are not health care professionals.

Under Chapter 168 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, an UDCA may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes an UDCA to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an UDCA is immune from liability for civil damages under section 168.009 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

Please check the appropriate boxes below:

- ❑ 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 Chapter 168.009 of the Health & Safety Code and Section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

- ❑ I DO NOT authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide care for my child at school or school related activities. 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 or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be activated and I assume the responsibility for all costs incurred as a result.

- ❑ My child can manage his/her diabetes care independently and will not seek assistance for his/her diabetes while at school. I understand that school personnel will provide emergency care as needed.

- ❑ I request that my child's classmates be informed that my child has diabetes, and given age-appropriate instruction regarding diabetes care, so they understand the importance of symptoms and the types of interventions that may occur in the classroom.

STUDENT NAME (Please Print) _____ School _____

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian _____ Date Signed _____