

HIGHLAND PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services By Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant

Information to Parents: The health and safety of each student is always of paramount importance to every HPISD employee. The District is committed to providing a high level of care to meet any special medical needs students exhibit. To help carry out that commitment, HPISD ensures that a Registered Nurse is assigned to each campus. The 79th Texas Legislature, through Houses 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 who can provide diabetes management and care services if a nurse is not available when a student needs such services. Such services include the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon. HPISD has trained staff at each school to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant 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, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant 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.

STUDENT NAME (Please Print)

SCHOOL

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date Signed