UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL HEALTH

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) refers to equipment and supplies prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider for everyday or extended use. DME may include, but are not limited to oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, nebulizers, crutches, orthopedic boots (walking boots), canes, walkers, scooters, continuous passive motion machines, patient lifts, or any other device that a student needs for mobility or to participate in daily activities of living.

To ensure the safe and appropriate use of DME at school, the following documentation must be provided from the prescribing healthcare provider:

- A medical diagnosis requiring the use of DME
- The anticipated duration of DME use
- Specific orders for school health personnel regarding the use of the DME
- Any activity restrictions (i.e., PE, recess, sports), including the duration of the restriction
- The healthcare provider's signature and contact information

Please note: Improper use of DME may pose a risk to the student or others. All DME must be used in accordance with medical guidance and school safety protocols. Wheelchairs located in the health room are for emergency use only. Union County Public Schools does not provide assistive devices for daily use.

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