Policy 3516.33 – Do Not Resuscitate Order

DATE: November 6, 2017

PREVIOUS ITEM: None

ENCLOSURES: Adopted Policy 3516.33
CABE’s August 10, 2017 Policy Update

REASON: To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 3516.33

BACKGROUND: This policy was tabled at the October 2, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

The adopted policy was reviewed by the Supervisor of Nursing Services and revised to align with state legislation.

ACTION: Accept or Reject
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Do Not Resuscitate Order

Management of Do Not Resuscitate Orders

It is the policy of the Board of Education that all students will be provided with immediate first aid and 911 emergency rescue services when a medical crisis and/or life threatening episode occurs at school. However, if the attending physician and parent/guardian of a student have executed a written "Do Not Resuscitate" order, school personnel will act in accordance with that order and refrain from medical interventions that are not consistent with that order.

Definition: DNR - Do Not Resuscitate

"Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) orders are written medical directives that limit treatment or make an exception to standard emergency procedures in the case of an individual whose respirations or heart have stopped functioning means an order written by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse for a particular patient to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation of such patient, including chest compressions defibrillation or breathing, or ventilation of such patient by any assistive or mechanical means, including but not limited to, mouth-to-mouth, bag valve mask, endotracheal tube or ventilator. In the case of a minor, the request is made by the parent/guardian. When the student becomes eighteen (18) years of age, the request must come from the student rather than the parent/guardian. The ultimate order or directive comes from a physician or advanced practice registered nurse and is co-signed by the parent/guardian. DNR orders do not withdraw all care, but, rather, provide comfort measures and limit interventions when cardiopulmonary arrest occurs.

The DNR Order

1. A written physician's order co-signed by the parent/guardian must be submitted on the district's Do Not Resuscitate Order form. The school nurse will refer the DNR order to the district's Nursing Supervisor who will refer it to the district Medical Advisor for review and implementation. A Planning and Placement Team ("PPT") or 504 accommodation meeting will be scheduled to implement the order.

2. The written order for a DNR must be renewed in writing a minimum of every six months. A DNR may be revoked at any time by a written request by the parent/guardian or student, if eighteen (18) years or over. If the parent/guardian has not returned the signed DNR, a PPT or a Section 504 meeting must be convened immediately.

3. The original DNR order must be filed in the student's cumulative health record. Its existence will be documented in the PPT or 504 summary.
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Do Not Resuscitate Order (continued)

The DNR Order (continued)

4. Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") - 911 will only honor a DNR request if an original DNR order is provided on the appropriate state form or if the student is wearing the standard state issue DNR bracelet with all of the mandated information. A parent/guardian with guidance from the student's physician must develop a transportation plan with the EMS System in the event that the school requests transportation. The school will use the 911 system, but will identify the student's DNR status.

5. The Superintendent shall be notified when a school receives a DNR order. The identity of the student may be withheld, if the parent/guardian so desires. Any student with a DNR order is required to wear the standard state issued DNR bracelet.

Implementation of DNR Orders

1. Upon receiving a DNR order, the school nurse will notify the Nursing Supervisor and schedule a PPT or 504 accommodation meeting. All proceedings are to be documented on the nurse's notes section of the student's cumulative health record.

2. An Individualized Health Care Plan ("IHCP") must be developed, identifying the DNR status and an emergency protocol to follow.

3. The school nurse is responsible for ensuring that all staff members who are informed of the DNR order are trained to follow the expected procedure.

4. Student confidentiality must be maintained to the extent possible based on need to know in consideration of the safety and sensitivity of the entire school population. The parent/guardian must be advised that anyone who is not directly informed about the DNR order will otherwise follow Board of Education policy and initiate Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ("CPR"). All CPR certified personnel in a school should be appraised of the DNR order.

5. At the first signs of deteriorating health status, the student will be transported to the school health office. The school nurse will assess the student, contact the parent/guardian, and initiate the process for transporting the student to home/emergency room. NOTE: If the EMS System is initiated, the student is to be identified as having a DNR bracelet.
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Do Not Resuscitate Order (continued)

Implementation of DNR Orders (continued)

6. Prior to the development of the IHCP, the school nurse in consult with the Nursing Supervisor, shall contact the parent/guardian to determine the procedure to follow in the event the student dies while at school. The parent/guardian should designate the medical personnel to be contacted and should arrange for transportation to a designated location, utilizing a vehicle that does not resemble a hearse. The School Nurse in consultation with the building administrator will arrange a route for the body to be transported out of the school with minimal disruption. All bells would be held, and no student traffic allowed in the hallways as the body is transported.

7. The IHCP shall be reviewed monthly and revised as needed by the school nurse. Parent/guardian may review the IHCP at their request.

8. Crises Intervention Teams should prepare for and activate following the death of any student to assist the school community and family.

9. The Medical Advisor and Superintendent should be notified by the Nursing Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours when a death occurs in school.

Any questions or issues related to EMS responding to a school for a specific student with a DNR order may be directed to the State Department of Public Health and Addiction Services at (860) 509-7400.

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Policy revised: East Hartford, Connecticut
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Do Not Resuscitate Order

EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER

Student's Name: ____________________________________________________________
(Please Type or Print)

Date of Birth: ___________________ Male: ___________________ Female: __________

Physician's Name/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse: ________________________________

Telephone: ___________________

Physician's/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Address: ________________________________

We hereby direct East Hartford Public School's personnel to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR, Artificial Ventilation, or other related life sustaining procedures in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest of the aforementioned student.

We understand that palliative care in the form of: Control of bleeding, airway maintenance, appropriate nutrition, control of pain, positioning for comfort and other measures to ensure general comfort will be provided, as previously ordered, or as indicated by school procedures. When authorization by physician's order and parental permission on the standard medication form, prescription medications will also be provided.

Other measures that are allowable are:

_____ Suctioning as necessary, using _____ Fr. catheter at ml. water
_____ Oxygen administration, as needed, via _____ at _____ mm mercury
_____ Other

We understand that the Emergency Medical Services System (911) will be activated in response to a real or perceived emergency occurrence at school.

In the event of cardiorespiratory arrest at school, the following persons should be notified, in this order:

1. ______________________________________ Telephone: ________________________________
2. ______________________________________ Telephone: ________________________________
3. ______________________________________ Telephone: ________________________________

We understand that this order must be renewed every six months.

Comments:___________________________________________________________________________________________
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Physician Signature   State License Number   Date

_________________________________________  ________________________________  __________
Parent/Guardian Signature   Telephone Number    Date
This Act makes various substantive, minor, and technical changes to Department of Public Health (DPH)-related statutes and programs. The following two sections of this lengthy legislation impact school districts and policy language:

§ 5 – School Board Reports on Asthma

The Act reduces, from annually to once every three years, the frequency with which local and regional boards of education must report to the local health department and DPH on the number of pupils per school and in the district diagnosed with asthma and certain related demographic information. The legislation also changes the due date of the report, from February 1 to October 1 annually. As under existing law, the boards must report this number for students with this diagnosis (1) upon enrollment, (2) in grade six or seven, and (3) in grade ten or eleven.

§ 6 – Do Not Resuscitate Orders

The Act adds a statutory definition of “do not resuscitate” or “DNR” orders. It defines these terms as an order written by a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse for a particular patient to withhold (1) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including chest compressions, defibrillation, or breathing, or (2) ventilation by any assistive or mechanical means, such as mouth-to-mouth, bag-valve mask, endotracheal tube, or ventilator.

Existing law requires DPH to adopt regulations to provide for a system governing the recognition and transfer of DNR orders.

Policy Implications:

This legislation affects the following policies:

1. Policy #3516.33 – Management of Do Not Resuscitate Orders

This policy has been updated and follows for consideration. This is considered an optional policy for inclusion in the district’s manual.

2. Policy #5141.3 – Health Assessments and Immunizations

This policy has been updated. It appears elsewhere in this publication with PA 17-173, as it was also updated to reflect other new legislation.

This is considered an optional policy for inclusion in the district’s policy manual.