

Student Health Services

Categories of Procedures

Health care procedures may be required for students who are technologically dependent or developmentally delayed. These procedures have been classified into three groups:

- Group A – Complex Medical Procedures
- Group B – Health Care Routines
- Group C – Activities of Daily Living

Child Specific Orientation

This child-specific orientation for Group A and B students requires the provision and acquisition of meaningful information about the child from sources who are familiar with the child as a unique individual. Thus, whenever possible, family members must be involved in the provision of a child specific orientation when an educational assistant is being trained for a medical procedure. This orientation will provide information on the unique or individual characteristics, preferences, comforts and discomforts of a particular child.

Supervision Requirements for Group A and Group B Procedures

Educational assistants and health care professionals must be supervised by a person with a super ordinate credential and experience. The purpose of the supervision is to ensure that the individual trained in the health care procedure continues to accomplish the procedure in a safe and effective manner. Supervision also allows the educational assistant the opportunity to ask questions, seek additional consultation and reestablish confidence in the ability to accomplish the procedures. Supervision requirements should be established with the Health Care trainer at the time of the initial training. Supervision will be provided on an as needed and where appropriate basis.

Group A – Complex Medical Procedures

Group A procedures are complex medical procedures. Procedures in this group require the judgment, skill and knowledge of a Registered Nurse with appropriate pediatric familiarity/experience in the required procedure.

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1. Training specific to the technical aspects of the procedure is required.
2. JHC-E-1 Individual Health Care Plan developed by the team is required.
3. Child-specific orientation is required.
4. Ongoing supervision by a person with both super ordinate credentials and appropriate experience is required.
5. The URIS Interdepartmental Committee may approve supplemental URIS funding to support eligible school-age children with identified Group A health care procedures while attending school. URIS Group A applications, found on the Manitoba Education and Training Student Services website, are reviewed on a continuous intake process. School divisions/schools are required to submit an application for children requiring Group A healthcare procedures.

The Group A procedures below must be carried out by health care professionals:

- ventilator care
- tracheostomy care
- suctioning (tracheal/pharyngeal)
- nasogastric tube care and/or feeding
- complex administration of medication by infusion pump or injection
- central or peripheral venous line care
- other clinical interventions requiring judgments and decision-making by a medical or nursing professional

Group B – Health Care Routines

Group B procedures are health care routines. A school case manager will complete JHC-E-3 Uris Group B Application and forward to the URIS Nurse. Procedures in this group may be delegated to an educational assistant or non-health care professional. Students who require procedures from Group B typically present a disability and/or lifelong medical condition requiring special health care.

Delegation to an educational assistant or non-health care professional may be done if specific training and ongoing supervision by an appropriate health care professional is provided.

1. The delegation to an educational assistant is made in the context of JHC-E-1 Individual Health Care Plan.
2. Copies of the JHC-E-1 Individual Health Care Plan should be given to all members of the student’s planning team.

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3. Child-specific orientation is required.
4. Training in the specific health care procedure must be provided to an educational assistant with back up by an appropriate health care professional.
5. Supervision by a super ordinate credentialed and appropriately experienced health care professional is required.
6. The skills acquired by non-health care professionals and educational assistants are non-transferable and non-accumulative.

The below examples of Group B health care needs may be delegated to a non-health care professional or educational assistant trained and supervised by appropriate health care professionals:

- clean intermittent catheterization
- assistance with student self-catheterization
- emptying an ostomy bag and changing an established appliance
- gastrostomy care and feeding
- suctioning (oral and nasal)
- assistance with blood glucose monitoring requiring specific action based on the results (diabetes)
- oxygen administration (preset)
- administration of EpiPen®
- administration of medication by:
 - o oral route (Lorazepam)
 - o inhalation (Bronchodilators)
 - o gastrostomy
- severe seizures
- bleeding disorders
- cardiac condition
- steroid dependence
- osteogenesis imperfecta

Group C – Activities of Daily Living

Group C procedures are normal activities of daily living. Procedures accomplished in this group are typically accomplished by non-health care professionals, educational assistants, and their back-ups. A general orientation should be received prior to conducting the procedure. Normal supervision of these employees should be conducted by the Principal.

The routines below may be carried out by a non-health care professional or educational assistant oriented to the needs of the child. These require a basic training program and normal supervision.

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- assistance needed with:
 - o oral hygiene
 - o oral feeding
 - o dressing
 - o walking
 - o toileting and/or diapering
- basic operation of a wheelchair
- assisting a student experiencing symptoms of common maladies (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea)
- administration of pre-measured oral medication.

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