

Sliding Scale Insulin in Schools

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The Nurse Practice Act defines the professional practice of nursing to include “[t]he administration of medications and treatments as prescribed or authorized by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe such medications and treatments.” Section 464.003(20)(b)., Florida Statutes. The practice of practical nursing is defined to include “the performance of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and medications, . . . under the direction of a registered nurse, a licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist.” Section 464.003(19), Florida Statutes. “Advanced or specialized nursing practice” means, in addition to the practice of professional nursing, the performance of advanced-level nursing acts.....The advanced registered nurse practitioner may also perform acts of medical diagnosis and treatment, prescription, and operation....” Section 464.003(2) Florida Statutes. Based upon these requirements it is the policy of the Department of Health that School Nurses take insulin orders only from authorized licensed practitioners in accordance with Florida Statutes. These orders may be in the form of standard protocols for sliding scale adjustment based upon blood glucose testing.

II. Authority

Chapter 464, F.S., Section 464.003

IV. Signature Block with Effective Date

Signature on file at the School Health Services Program Office.

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