

STUDENTS

7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parents/guardians to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child must be signed by the student's physician and given to the Executive Director. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act. 755 ILCS 40/.

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Executive Director shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. The student, when appropriate;
2. The student's parents/guardians;
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner;
4. Local first responders for the building in which the student is assigned to attend school;
5. The school nurse;
6. Clergy, if requested by the student or his or her parents/guardians;
7. Other individuals to provide support to the student or his or her parents/guardians; and
8. School personnel designated by the Executive Director.

The team shall determine guidelines to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. The Superintendent or designee will ensure minutes are taken that summarize the decisions and guidelines made during multi-disciplinary meetings and obtain signatures of the child's parents/guardians on the minutes of each multi-disciplinary meeting. The Superintendent or designee will monitor the effectiveness of the guidelines established during the multi-disciplinary meetings at times the multi-disciplinary team determines are necessary.

Cooperative personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

LEGAL REF.:

Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/.

Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).

In re C.A., a minor, 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

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