

Diabetes Care at School

It is important that parents of students with diabetes communicate fully with the school nurse about the student's needs. If possible, plan to meet with the nurse prior to the beginning of the school year or before the first day of attendance for students who start later in the school year.

BHA requires the following forms be signed by the parent/guardian for all students seeking diabetes care while at school: (all forms are linked below)

1. **Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP)** signed by the student's physician (may be from the physician or Diabetes Clinic)
2. **Medication Authorization Forms** for use of insulin, glucagon, glucose tablets/gels, etc.
3. **Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services by Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant** If the student's parent/guardian chooses not to sign the form, the parent/guardian will be responsible for administration of the diabetes care in the event the school nurse is not available.
4. **Insulin Pump Physician Form** for students using an insulin pump **A student's parent/guardian is required to provide all necessary supplies/food for the student with diabetes.**

Role of the Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant (UDCA)

House Bill No. 984 (Care of the Student with Diabetes) enacted in 2005, specifies that each school train one (1) unlicensed diabetes care assistant (UDCA) in order to protect the safety and health of students. The UDCA's will provide diabetes management and care services if the nurse is unavailable. Such services include, but are not limited to, the administration of insulin, or in an emergency, the administration of glucagon. The school will implement the orders by the physician that is provided by the parent for that said student.