

Sliding Scale Insulin in Schools

Policy: 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(3)(a)2., 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(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Based upon these requirements it is the policy of the Department of Health that school nurses take insulin orders only from duly licensed practitioners. These orders may be in the form of standard protocols for sliding scale adjustment based upon blood glucose testing.

Authority: Section 464.003, F.S.

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