

WAC 246-840-820 Provision for clean, intermittent catheterization in schools. Public school districts and private schools that offer classes for any of the grades kindergarten through twelve may provide for clean, intermittent catheterization of students or assisted self-catheterization of students who are in the custody of the school district at the time in accordance with the following rules:

(1) The student's file shall contain a written request from the parent(s) or guardian for the clean, intermittent catheterization of the student.

(2) The student's file shall contain written permission from the parent(s) or guardian for the performance of the clean, intermittent catheterization procedure by the nonlicensed school employee.

(3) The student's file shall contain a current written order for clean, intermittent catheterization from the student's physician and shall include written instructions for the procedure. The order shall be reviewed and/or revised each school year.

(4) The student's file shall contain written, current, and unexpired instructions from a registered nurse licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW regarding catheterization which include:

(a) A designation of the school district or private school employee or employees who may provide for the catheterization; and

(b) A description of the nature and extent of any required supervision.

(5) The service shall be offered to all handicapped students and may be offered to the nonhandicapped students, at the discretion of the school board.

(6) The registered nurse shall develop instructions specific to the needs of the student. These shall be made available to the nonlicensed school employee and shall be updated each school year.

(7) The supervision of the self-catheterizing student shall be based on the needs of the student and the skill of the nonlicensed school employee.

(8) The registered nurse, designated by the school board, shall be responsible for the training of the nonlicensed school employees who are assigned to perform clean, intermittent catheterization of the students.

(9) The training of the nonlicensed school employee shall include but not be limited to:

(a) An initial in-service training, length determined by the registered nurse.

(b) An update of the instructions and a review of the procedure each school year.

(c) Anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the urinary system including common anomalies for the appropriate age group served.

(d) Techniques common to the urinary catheterization procedure.

(e) Identification and care of the required equipment.

(f) Common signs and symptoms of infection and recommended procedures to prevent the development of infections.

(g) Identification of the psychosocial needs of the parent/guardian and the students with emphasis on the needs for privacy and confidentiality.

(h) Documentation requirements.

(i) Communication skills including the requirements for reporting to the registered nurse or the physician.

(j) Medications commonly prescribed for the clean, intermittent catheterization patient and their side effects.

(k) Contraindications for clean, intermittent catheterization and the procedure to be followed if the nonlicensed school employee is unable to catheterize the student.

(l) Training in catheterization specific to the student's needs.

(m) Developmental growth patterns of the appropriate age group served.

(n) Utilization of a teaching model to demonstrate catheterization techniques with return demonstration performed by the nonlicensed school employee, if a model is available.

(10) The training of the nonlicensed school employee shall be documented in the employee's permanent file.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.79 RCW. WSR 97-13-100, § 246-840-820, filed 6/18/97, effective 7/19/97.]