

Delaware School Nurse Memo #6

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Care Coordination

Diabetes Self-Management – Don Post, Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention and Control Program, encourages school nurses to consider becoming or recruiting a Lay Leader for the Diabetes Self-Management Program. The Program “offers class sessions on diabetes self-help and control, an education program developed by Stanford University. The classes are 2.5 hours per week for six weeks.” Classes are free and available statement. “Diabetes can be a devastating disease with multiple complications, but at the same time many of these complications can be eliminated or reduced through good self-management.” A flyer provides an [overview of the program](#).

Annual Give Kids A Smile Event – A letter to Sussex and Kent County school nurses from Dr. Douglas Ditty, Chair of Council on Access, Delaware Dental Society:

Dear School Nurse,

This year marks the Delaware State Dental Society's 14th Annual Give Kids a Smile Event. Volunteer Dentists, Hygienists, and Staff will be available on Saturday, February 11, 2017, in Milford at the office of Norman S. Steward, DDS. We need **YOUR help** to identify children in your school who may need our assistance. All of our registration forms are available in English and Spanish. Attached you will find the [GKAS 2017 Brochure](#) (in English only) for distribution as you feel necessary.

The purpose of this event is to provide dental care to those children between the ages of 2-17 who are in need of dental care. X-rays and full dental cleanings will be provided to every child and, if necessary, urgent dental care will also be provided. If further treatment is needed and cannot be completed on **this free day of dental clinical services**, they will be referred to facilities that may be able to complete their dental care.

There are many children who remain in need that you can help. Untreated dental care has wide ranging health and social implications. For any student(s) you feel would benefit from our GKAS event at the Milford location, **please call 302-242-2972 to schedule. For Spanish-speaking patients, please call 302-272-0738. Appointments must be made in advance.**

Thank you supporting such a great cause!

Community/Public Health

The Division of Public Health (DPH) recent [Press Releases](#) related to school health:

[Delaware Ranks in Top 5 in Nation for Childhood Immunization DPH Immunization Program Honored with Awards](#)

Phase II Posture/Gait Screening – Phase II screening will begin the week of January 26. Schedules are being distributed as they are developed.

Oral Health Care – The Bureau of Oral Health & Dental Services, Division of Public Health has released its quarterly newsletter, [Impressions](#). The newsletter reminds readers to visit the new oral health webpage, [Healthy Smiles Delaware](#)

Delaware Journal of Public Health – The [December edition](#) of the Delaware Journal of Public Health presents “Behavioral Health – an integral piece of the public health puzzle.

Leadership

Delaware School Nurse Manual Updates – School nurses are reminded to use the on-line version of the Delaware School Nurse Manual rather than relying on printed copies. The following chapters were updated with Revisions noted on the last page of the chapters:

Chapter 3, Community/Public Health

Page 19 – U.S. immigration vaccine requirements

Page 22 – Polio exemption for students

Chapter 4, Leadership

Page 23 – Addition of required school nurse texts and stadiometer

Quality of Care

Data – Every day Delaware school nurses spend considerable time documenting the care they provide and the responses of their clients. So, what are you doing with all your data? Do you run reports on student patterns for office visits or sites of most common minor injuries or missed school days of children with chronic health conditions? Do you share your finding with your school staff, as appropriate?

New Code for Delaware School Nurse Electronic Documentation – Two new codes have been added to the Health Alert codes to document fractures or breaks that do not require surgery. Codes are now:

(NEW) Musculoskeletal, Break/Fracture (MSBF)
(NEW) Musculoskeletal, Break/Fracture, parent reported (MSBFP)
Musculoskeletal (MS)
Musculoskeletal, parent reported (MSP)
Musculoskeletal, Surgery (MSURG)
Musculoskeletal, Surgery, parent reported (MSURGP)
Musculoskeletal, Surgery Break/Fracture (SURGM)
Musculoskeletal, Surgery Break/Fracture, parent reported (SURGMP)

Standards of Practice

So . . . You Want to Be a School Nurse – The [brochure](#) has been updated and posted on-line to include information on the new School Nurse Certification Program.

Delaware School Nurse Certification & Licensure Requirements – An [overview document](#) on Delaware school nurse certification and licensure has been shared with Human Resource Directors and posted online. This reflects the current requirements.