

Delaware School Nurse Memo #8

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Care Coordination

Delaware School Nurse Manual - School Health Services is pleased to announce that [Chapter 2, Care Coordination](#), of the newly revised and updated [Delaware School Nurse Manual](#), has been completed and posted online. The outline of the newest chapter is based on the National Association of School Nurses' [Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™](#). Sections within the Chapter include: Care Coordination; Student-Centered Care; Direct Care for Acute Illness, Injury, & Emotional Needs; Chronic Conditions Management; Collaboration; Counseling & Motivational Interviewing; and Education. Please note that previous information contained in the School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual is now obsolete unless it is included in the new Manual. Sincere thanks are extended to the authors, Advisory Team, and Reviewers.

Community/Public Health

The DPH Bulletin – All editions of [The DPH Bulletin](#) can be accessed on the Office of Health and Risk Communication. The most recent one is:

[February, Special Edition](#) – Issue is on addiction.

[March](#) – The issue focuses on managing hypertension and the Delaware Smile Check in school.

Save the Date for Active Tuberculosis: Diagnosis & Treatment – The Division of Public Health will be offering continuing education on 4/18/17, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Thurman Adams State Service Center, Georgetown, DE. CEUs will be available. For more information, contact Anna.Short@state.de.us.

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

[DPH Announces Two More Flu-Related Deaths, Urges Delawareans to Increase Prevention Measures](#) (2/23/17)

[Public Health Closes Illegal Home Tattoo Operation in Magnolia](#) (2/27/17)

[DPH Dental Program Launches School-Based Smile Check Program](#) (3/3/17)

[Division of Public Health using Technology to Help Physicians Fight Heart Disease and Lower Blood Pressure Among Delawareans](#) (3/6/17)

[DPH and Delaware 2-1-1 'Help Me Grow' Program Supports Children](#) (3/8/17)

National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness – The [Center](#) recently released its February issue of Brush Up on Oral Health newsletter. The [February issue](#) focuses on fluoride.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (EMSC) Newsletter – EMSC distributes a monthly online newsletter [EMSC Pulse](#). It is a “digest of program news and activities” with each issue providing information for the “pediatric emergency medical care community . . . [for example] products and resources, national and state activities, data findings and research resources, funding opportunities, [and] career opportunities.” School nurses are often the very first responders for those in the school-setting. Exploring ways to enhance that role and be prepared for prevention and response are critical. The February issue was posted 2/23/17.

Leadership

Delaware School Nurse Leaders Meet with Robert Wood Johnson Fellow - Katie Johnson, a school nurse who holds a clinical doctorate in community health systems nursing, recently spoke at the Lead School Nurse Quarterly Workshop and met with Delaware school nurses to talk about leadership. Nurse Johnson is a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow and is studying school health delivery models across the U.S. “I had to come to Delaware because, thanks to the leadership of many Delaware school nurses, a strong school health delivery system has been established. It’s important to include Delaware in this study to describe benchmarks for school health programs across the nation.”

Quality Improvement

Quality Improvement – Astute readers may have noted that previous Memos erroneously named this section Quality of Care. [Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™](#) developed by the National Association of School Nurses uses the term “Quality Improvement”. Quality in school nurses practice is not solely related to the nursing care provision, but to all activities. Within the Framework, Quality Improvement addresses such topics as the use of data for decision-making and research, self-improvement, and setting meaningful health and academic outcomes for both students and the school health system. Chapter 5 of the Delaware School Nurse Manual will be “Quality Improvement”.

Standards of Practice

Definition of School Nursing – The National Association of School Nurses released a [new definition](#) of school nursing in February 2017.

School nursing, a specialized practice of nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders who bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential.