

Historical Data in School Nursing:

After one year of having a nurse, Lina Rogers, in the New York school the exclusion rates of students went from 10,567 in September 1902 to 1,101 in September of 1903 (Wold,2001).

Wold, S.J. (2001). *School Health Services: History and Trends*, in Schwab, N. and Gelfman M. Eds, Legal Issues in School Health Services. North Branch, MN: Sunrise River Press, p. 8-9.

VISION SCREENING RULES AND TALKING POINTS

- ◇ The law is in place, however the guiding administrative rules will tentatively take effect May 6th, 2015.
- ◇ Schools are still required to hand out the vision card.
- ◇ Schools may conduct vision screenings.
- ◇ IDPH will be creating a spreadsheet to forward with the students whose parents indicated that the provider conducts a vision screening and it was entered into IRIS
- ◇ Schools will be able to fax or email all proof of vision screenings provided by parents and vision cards received to IDPH
- ◇ Schools may collect any other evidence of a child vision screening from a parent to forward to IDPH (written letter from the doctor or provider as defined in the rules, screening form from a local public health agency, etc.).
- ◇ There are **NO AUDIT** requirements
- ◇ There are a list of acceptable providers who may conduct vision screening in the guiding rules. However a list of acceptable, age-appropriate vision screening tests will be housed on the IDPH Web site soon
- ◇ Kindergarten Screenings : A screening will be valid if it done up to 1 year prior to enrollment and no later than 6 months after enrollment
- ◇ 3rd Grade: A screening will be valid if it done no earlier than 1 year prior to the first day of school and no later than 6 months after the first day of school

If you have further questions regarding the new administrative rules, please feel free to contact Melissa Ellis, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Iowa Department of Public Health, at (515)537-6544 or Email: melissa.ellis@idph.iowa.gov

More to Come From IDPH!



School Nurse News



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**Iowa School Nurses
were asked to volunteer
to
Step Up and Be Counted
and
They Did!**

School Nurse from across the state submitted the number of students who were medically diagnosed with asthma, anaphylaxis allergies, seizure disorders, Type 1 Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes, how many students were enrolled and how many nurses they had.

**Iowa nurses reported
16,198 Chronic Health
Conditions for a total
school population of
183,359 students in 99
districts or schools.**

**Contracted Nursing Staff Guidance From The Iowa Board
of Nursing**

QUESTION:

“ Who is responsible to supervise the Agency Licensed Practical Nurse, who provides services and documentation for the student, from the community setting/ agency he or she is employed by a contract with the school

OR

to the school nurse who is overseeing student health services as written in the IHP and IEP in the school setting?”

The email went on to explain that I also wondered if the agency nurse struggled with this as well, because the documentation requirements for their employment and the any additional documentation that the school required to show evidence that health services were provided in the Individual Health Plan.

ANSWER:

“After a careful review of the Iowa Administrative Code, Nursing Board[655], chapter 6.6 (2), the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) shall be permitted to provide supportive and restorative care to a specific student in the school setting in accordance with the student’s health plan when under the supervision of and as delegated by the Registered Nurse (RN) employed by the school district. In other words, the LPN, hired by an external healthcare agency (i.e. home health, hospital), may provide one-on-one care to a specific student and follow the specific individual health plan (IHP). The LPN, in this situation, is an independent contractor employed to offer nursing services to an individual student.

With that said, the school RN shall provide written guidelines, review procedures, and provide other information relevant to the LPN’s activities in the school. The LPN is expected to abide by all district and school policies unless specifically stated otherwise in the student’s IHP. The RN is to provide supervision, but not direct supervision in the proximate area. Instead, the LPN is to communicate with the school RN for questions and to seek assistance, when needed. The school RN may delegate tasks and functions to the LPN, in accordance to the specific student and his/her IHP.

The school RN shall be responsible to provide students with the usual school health services that are available to all students, unless stated otherwise in the student’s IHP”.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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ISNO SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 9-10, 2015

Preconference Topic

Medicaid Update and Q and A

April 8th

Where: Honey Creek Resort

Moravia, Iowa 52571

Registration Will Be Coming Soon!

Just a Few Topics...

- ◇ Update of Latest Street Drugs
- ◇ Bullying & Special Needs Students
- ◇ Update of Standardized Data
- ◇ Yoga in the School Nurse Office

IDPH Measles Webinar

IDPH will be hosting a Measles Update for Childcare Providers, School (K-12) Nurses & Administrators, and College Student Health & Administrators Webinar on Wednesday, February 25th from 11AM-12PM. The intended audience for this webinar is: childcare providers, school (K-12) nurses and administrators, and college student health and administrators. During the webinar, IDPH will review the measles virus, provide an update on measles activity nationally, discuss measles investigation procedures, review measles vaccination recommendations and requirements, and answer questions from participants. The link to register was sent out on listserv and a link to registered viewers will sent out after the presentation for registered participants to view at a later time. Please make sure school nurses and educational staff identify their questions are for the webinar, so they are triaged appropriately and included in the webinar. The email to submit questions is: Shawnice.cameron@idph.iowa.gov

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“Dating Matters”

The [Veto Violence](#) webpage has a link to “[Dating Matters](#)” online training for educators, parents, and other adults working with teens who seek to promote healthy relationships. “Choose Respect” campaign for middle-school aged youth is also linked to the web page.

[Futures Without Violence](#) has some great resources for Teen dating Violence Prevention, including the “[Start Strong: Healthy Teen Relationships](#)” webpage and links to great resources.

For more resources, please contact Binnie LeHew MSW, Office of Disability, Injury & Violence Prevention, IA Dept. of Public Health

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Lead Screening Update:

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Lead Poisoning Prevention, has been diligently working on the process of matching the kindergarten students information submitted from districts and accredited nonpublic schools to their database. The bureau is planning to provide information to school nurses prior to the 2014-2015 school year ending on children that do not have a record of having received a blood lead test. They will also be working with their local childhood lead poisoning programs to assist in following up with the children that have not received blood lead tests. The Bureau of Lead Poisoning Prevention will be sending information to the Iowa Department of Education, Nurse Consultant, to forward on listserv to school nurses on a new, expedited way to report for next year prior to school nurses heading home for the summer. If you have further questions, please contact:

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