

## PARENTS AS MEDICAL PROVIDERS

The New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, Division of Medical Licensing, and the New York State Board of Medicine do not recommend and strongly discourage medical providers from treating their own children. Accordingly, because the District follows a “best practice” standard of care in our health offices, the District will not accept medical clearances, requests, forms, documents, prescriptions, certificates, or any other medical notice, etc., from a person in a parental relationship who is acting as his/her child’s health care provider. This includes a biological or adoptive parent, stepparent, and an unmarried partner living in the same home with a parent and child.

All medical orders, certificates, or other required statements or forms must be written by the child’s private primary care physician, or other treating health care provider who is not a person in parental relation. This includes but is not limited to:

- A. School health examinations;
- B. Medication orders, including permission for a student to carry and self-administer medication;
- C. Sports physicals;
- D. Medical approval for interscholastic team selection and classification;
- E. Return-to-school and return-to-interscholastic sports clearances;
- F. Concussion management medical documentation;
- G. Prescriptions for related services for students with disabilities, when required by law;
- H. Physical examinations for students with disabilities, when required by law; and
- I. Medical orders related to special health needs.

Subject to approval by the school physician, the District may accept such medical orders, certificates, and other required forms from a child’s grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, or other nonparent family member, when such nonparent family member regularly serves as the child’s primary care physician or is otherwise serving as the child’s treating health care provider. A parent who is also a health care provider must complete all required parent documentation/permission to supplement the primary care physician or other treating health care provider’s information.

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