

# GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Authorization for Administration of Diabetes Management and Care Services By Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant

**Information to Parents:** The health and safety of each student is always of paramount importance to every Groesbeck ISD employee. The District is committed to providing a high level of care to meet any special medical needs students exhibit. To help carry out that commitment, Groesbeck ISD ensures that a Registered Nurse is assigned to each campus. The 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, through Houses Bill 984, amended the Health and Safety Code to provide more specific requirements for the provision of diabetes management and care services to students in public schools who seek care for the student's diabetes while at school. The school, in conjunction with the parent, will develop for each student who seeks care for diabetes at school an Individualized Health Plan that will specify the diabetes management and care services the student requires at school. Traditionally, the school nurse has provided any medical care students might require at school. Under HB 984, each school also must train other employees to serve as Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistants who can provide diabetes management and care services if a nurse is not available when a student needs such services. Such services include the administration of insulin or, in an emergency, glucagon. Groesbeck ISD has trained staff at each school to provide such services. HB 984 further specifies that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant exercises his or her judgment and discretion in providing diabetes care services and that nothing in the statute limits the immunity from liability afforded to employees under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

Under HB 984, an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant may only administer diabetes care and management services if the student's parent/guardian authorizes an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to assist the student and confirms his or her understanding that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.

**Please check the appropriate boxes below to indicate your election whether to allow 1. an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide services to your child; 2. self-care; 3. disclosure of your child's condition:**

- YES**     Agreement for Services: I authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school. I understand that an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant is immune from liability for civil damages under section 22.0511 of the Texas Education Code.
- NO**     I **DO NOT** authorize an Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant to provide diabetes management and care services to my child at school.
- YES**     My child can manage his/her diabetes independently and will not seek assistance for his/her diabetes while at school. I understand the school nurse will provide emergency care as needed. This information will be shared with school district personnel as needed.
- YES**     I request that my child's classmates be informed that my child has diabetes, and given age-appropriate instruction regarding diabetes care, so that they understand the importance of symptoms and the types of intervention that may occur in the classroom.

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STUDENT NAME (Please Print)

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SCHOOL

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date Signed