

## Press Plus Issue #112 June 2023 - Policy Committee Meeting 7/21/23

### 1. Action to be taken:

**CONSENT**

**1st READING**

**STAY IN COMMITTEE**

### 2. Policy Committee to Determine:

**Adopt as Presented**

**Adopt with Additional District Edits**

**Not Adopt (change "reviewed" date)**

## *Document Status: Review and Monitoring*

### Students

#### **7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment**

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child must be signed by the student's physician licensed in Illinois, or any other state, to practice medicine and surgery in any of its branches, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant and given to the Building Principal or Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act. [755 ILCS 40/](#)[PRESSPlus1](#)

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. The student, when appropriate;
2. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s);
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., a physician licensed in Illinois, or any other state, to practice medicine and surgery in any of its branches, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant;
4. Local first responders for the building in which the student is assigned to attend school;
5. The school nurse;
6. Clergy, if requested by the student or his or her parent(s)/guardians(s);
7. Other individuals to provide support to the student or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s); and
8. School personnel designated by the Superintendent.

The team shall determine guidelines to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. The Superintendent or designee will ensure minutes are taken that summarize the decisions and guidelines made during multi-disciplinary meetings and obtain signatures of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) on the minutes of each multi-disciplinary meeting.

The District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Health Care Surrogate Act, [755 ILCS 40/](#).

[Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health](#), 497 U.S. 261 (1990).

[In re C.A., a minor](#), 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:

- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com)), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
- Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
- Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

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