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Special Points of Interest:

- *ED 513 Health Service Plan*
- *2009-10 School Health Services Information Survey*

Form ED 513, Health Service Plan, 2009-10 School Year

Section 10-217a of the Connecticut General Statutes requires each town or regional school district that provides health services to children attending its public schools, in kindergarten through Grade 12, to provide the same services to children in those grades who attend nonprofit private schools within their jurisdiction, when a majority of children in those nonprofit private schools are Connecticut residents. In order to administer the grant program, which funds the health services in these nonprofit private schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education has determined that information is needed regarding the health services that participating towns or regional school districts provide to their public school children.

Form ED 513, which serves as the blueprint for each town or regional school district that delivers health services to children attending its eligible nonprofit private schools, is enclosed. It is to be completed by the local or regional school district of each participating town. (**NOTE: If there are no nonprofit private schools in your town, or if such schools reject these services, Form ED 513 does not have to be completed or submitted.**) The form must be signed by the public school superintendent and submitted to the Chief Municipal Officer of the town for review and signature. The completed form, containing **both** signatures, must be submitted for this agency's review.

In order to ensure that reimbursement for the health services provided during the 2009-10 year can be made according to the statutory deadline, Form ED 513 must be submitted by June 30, 2010. Failure to complete and submit Form ED 513 for review may result in a denial by this agency of the reimbursement for health services provided during the 2009-10 year.

One copy of the completed Health Service Plan is to be submitted to:

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25 Industrial Park Road
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For your information, a copy of the most recent legislation concerning health services in nonprofit private schools is available at the State of Connecticut General Assembly Web site at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/pub/Chap169.htm>. Form ED 513 is located at the School Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768> (scroll down to "Health Forms"). Questions regarding health services should be directed to Stephanie Knutson at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.

2009-10 School Health Services Information Survey

The Connecticut State Department of Education is requesting your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. Data collection for the 2009-10 academic year should be conducted during February and March. All surveys **MUST** be completed by **June 30, 2010**, to allow adequate time for data analysis.

All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at www.educationconnection.org.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. This annual report will be distributed to each school district and will provide useful information from a state and regional perspective. Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

Professional Development Opportunities

2010 - School Nurse Emergency Medical Services for Children

Description: The purpose of this course is to reduce morbidity and mortality in children and youth who are injured or become ill at school. This 3-day workshop will be presented by a team of instructors and includes lectures, slides and demonstration/practice techniques to teach assessment, triage, and critical problem-solving scenarios with emergency medical services personnel.

Dates: August 17, 18, & 19

Location: University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut

For registration and additional information, please visit the Connecticut State Department of Education School Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768> (scroll down to “**Professional Development**”).



New Resource: Action Guide for Child Care Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently developed the *Action Guide for Child Care Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies* (June 2010). The action guide is intended to help local and community child care, early education and afterschool programs establish and implement policies and practices that encourage healthy lifestyles in children. The goal of these policies and practices is to create an environment that consistently supports children’s health and learning by:

- providing clear and consistent messages that explain and reinforce healthy eating and physical activity habits;
- helping children learn to make healthy lifestyle choices;
- providing developmentally appropriate and culturally relevant nutrition education;
- providing quality physical education and daily opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity; and
- supporting and engaging families in promoting healthy habits.

The action guide is available on the CSDE’s Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&Q=322562>. For additional information, please contact Susan Fiore, M.S., R.D., Nutrition Education Coordinator, CSDE, at 860-807-2075 or susan.fiore@ct.gov.

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