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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Members of the Delaware State House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell, ^{DMP/EP} Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: S.B. 257 [Administration of Student Medications]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 257 which expands the ability of persons to assist in the administration of medications to students by including coaches or persons hired or contracted by schools serving students in kindergarten through grade 12. The Act also provides for the assistance of medication during approved school activities outside the traditional school day and off-campus activities. SCPD endorses the concept of the proposed legislation since it may facilitate access to both non-emergency and emergency medications for students with disabilities.

The statute being amended authorizes an educator who has completed Board of Nursing approved training to assist students with meds that are self-administered on field trips without violating the Nurse Practice Act. The bill would expand this authorization to include coaches and non-educator personnel and contractors to fulfill the same function as long as they have completed the training. The bill also expands the contexts of such assistance to include not only field trips but other activities outside the traditional school day or off-campus. SCPD assumes this would include sports and after-school clubs.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Bethany Hall-Long
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