

Students

Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child or ward must be signed by the child's physician and given to the Director. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act (755 ILCS 40).

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Director shall convene the student's IEP team that includes the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and physician, as well as school personnel designated by the Director. The team shall determine specific interventions to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. The Cooperative 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, 603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1, 1992).

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