

DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER: STUDENT

For the purposes of this procedure the following definitions apply:

- **Medically Fragile Children:** Medically fragile children are children with serious, long-standing, progressive illnesses that are often life-threatening.
- **DNR Request:** A DNR request is a written physician directive that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) not be used in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest by health care providers in a health care setting
- **Comfort One:** Is a comprehensive, state-wide program of identifying, providing palliative care and withholding resuscitative measures to terminally ill patients who have declared living wills or for whom a physician has issued a Do-not-resuscitate order
- **Designated Hospital:** A designated hospital is the hospital selected by the parent or guardian to be used in case of an emergency. The designated hospital must be indicated on the DNR request. In cases where parents do not have a hospital of choice, the emergency medical team may select the hospital.
- **Emergency First Aid:** Emergency first aid is emergency care or treatment given to an ill or injured person before regular medical aid can be obtained.

Requirements: The Health Services Supervisor is responsible for coordinating a DNR request from a parent or physician. The requirement is as follows:

1. **Consultation:** The Health Services Supervisor, the parent/guardian, principal, primary teacher and/or case manager discuss the Comfort One request, the procedures to follow in an emergency, the specific disease entity, and the potential signs and symptoms of deterioration prior to the District implementing the Comfort One request.
 - a. **Homebound Services:** The student's Individual Health Care team will determine the child's capacity for in-school services; if the team determines that homebound services are most appropriate for the child they will be provided. The team is also charged with discussing school-wide impact of the child's condition and making recommendations for educational services.
 - b. **Placement of Comfort One Request:** The original Comfort One form will be kept in the classroom, or in another convenient place where it can be easily located at all times. A copy will be kept on file as part of the Individual Health Care Plan in the nurse's office, Principal's office, attached to the 504 or IEP Plan.
 - c. **Parent Notification of an Emergency:** The parents will be notified immediately by the school nurse, principal, or designee when an emergency occurs.
 - d. **Revocation of a Comfort One Request:** Parents wanting to revoke a Comfort One request must provide a signed, written, revocation request to the Health Services Supervisor. The on-file copy in the Individual Health Care Plan will be marked as "Revoked", other copies will be destroyed.
 - e. **Procedures:** If a medically fragile child becomes extremely ill at school, the school nurse or staff member(s) provides the child with care as outlined by the Individual Health Plan which includes:
 - procedures to be followed for health emergencies or changes in status
 - notification protocol
 - Comfort One form
 - parent involvement, parent signature, physician review and signature
 - annual review in a Health Team meeting or IEP meeting (if the student is special education eligible)
 - that the EMS team, if summoned, is given the Comfort One Form and the name of the designated hospital
 - plans for physical management of the situation (moving the student or other students)
 - that the Building Crisis team is notified to implement support procedures for students and staff

Questions regarding this Memorandum may be referred to *Region 2 Executive Regional Director*, the (406) 728-2400 ext. 6671.