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The Board's rules are clear regarding delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed personnel; the questions raised deal with unlicensed nursing personnel. After the registered nurse has assessed the child's situation that encompasses the stability of the clinical environment and the clinical acuity of the child, including the overall complexity of the child's health care problems, the registered nurse may delegate non-complex tasks. A non-complex task is one that can safely be performed according to exact directions, with no need to alter the standard procedure, and the results are predictable.

Based on the above citing, the following is applicable:

1. The licensed nutritionist is an unlicensed nursing personnel, following the RN's assessment, the RN must determine if counting carbohydrates for an insulin pump dependent student in this specific situation for this specific child is a non-complex task.
2. When a parent is employed by the school system as a child-specific aide or teacher, this person is an unlicensed nursing personnel because the person is a paid school employee and the rules on delegation of non-complex tasks to unlicensed personnel apply.
3. An RN who has documented knowledge, skills, and abilities may reinsert the insulin pump catheter/needle in the school setting provided there is an order from an authorized prescriber and a policy in place to provide for such.