

TO: All School Health Stakeholders

THRU: Anita Wheeler, RN, BSN, CPN

Department of State Health Services

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SUBJECT: Quick Cards & Frequently Asked Questions on HB 984

In the 79th Regular Legislative Session, 2005, HB 984 was enacted requiring public school districts to provide unlicensed diabetes care assistants (UDCAs) to assist students with diabetes during the school day, in the event a school nurse was not available or not employed by a school district. In an effort to address the numerous phone calls and emails from school nurses and school districts the BNE staff have developed a "Frequently Asked Questions" and a "Quick Cards Review" to assist school nurses in determining their role in the implementation of HB 984 from a licensure standpoint. These two documents are located on our website, www.bne.state.tx.us, in the "Nursing Practice Information" section, then under "Practice Setting/Specialty Area Specific". Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
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