

## Students

### **Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment**

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment (do not resuscitate advanced directive) for their child must be signed by the student's physician and given to the NDSEC Licensed School Nurse. The NDSEC Licensed School Nurse will notify the Program Administrator and the Executive Director of a submission of a DNR order. 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 (do not resuscitate advanced directive) is received, NDSEC shall convene an IEP conference with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and, with parent/guardian consent, invite the student's physician, as well as school personnel designated by the Executive Director. A DNR Emergency Action Plan shall be developed and reviewed by the IEP team upon enrollment and on an annual basis at the beginning of the school year. The IEP team shall determine specific actions to be taken by school staff members in the event the student suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school-related event. NDSEC personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

The Executive Director shall develop procedures for considering an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment (do not resuscitate advanced directive).

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, 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

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