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Changes in Reporting: State Department of Public Health Asthma Reporting Form/Survey

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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March 1, 2018

Dear School Nurse Supervisor/ Director of Student Health Services:

This letter is to communicate changes to CGS§ 10-206 that affects reporting periodicity, by school districts to the CT Department of Public Health, on students with asthma.

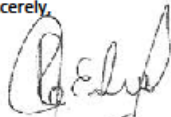
Under Substitute House Bill No. 7222, Public Act No. 17-146, **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES**, CGS§ 10-206, subsection (f) was repealed and substituted with language to reflect changes in the reporting periodicity of students affected with asthma, from annual to triennial, effective October 1, 2017.

Therefore, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) will not require Connecticut School Districts to report students affected with asthma for school calendar year 2017-18.

The DPH will notify school districts when reporting will restart, following the triennial reporting pattern.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email the DPH Asthma Program at dph.asthmaprogram@ct.gov or call Rory Angulo at (860) 509-8251.

Sincerely,



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**Mandatory:
2017-18 School Health Services Program Information Survey and Concussion Reporting**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: School Nurse Supervisors

FROM: Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN
Education Consultant

DATE: January 18, 2018

SUBJECT: 2017-18 School Health Services Program Information Survey and Concussion Reporting

Thank you for your efforts last year with the [Health Services Program Information Survey \(Survey\)](#).

Section 13 of Public Act No. 17-68, *An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes* requires that for the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education must complete the full [Survey](#) that includes concussion questions as mandated by [Section 10-149e of the Connecticut General Statutes](#).

All [Surveys](#) **MUST** be completed by June 1, 2018, to allow adequate time for data analysis. All information needed to complete the [Survey](#) will be available on the [EdAdvance Web site](#) by February 1, 2018.

School Nurse Coordinators/Supervisors will need to gather data from each school in their local or regional school districts. Each school nurse will need to provide school level data as of February 1, 2018. Only one survey per school district is accepted by the Survey Administrator.

Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

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Assessing Student Hearing: Screening Procedures for School Nurses - An Online Course

School nurses can gain the expertise they need to conduct mandated hearing screening assessments and modify screenings for students with special needs and those in early childhood programs through this self-paced tutorial. This online course provides a medical foundation for hearing acuity and hearing impairment, offers explicit instruction in audiological instrumentation and screening procedures, and outlines educational supports students with hearing loss need in school settings. Completion of a final supervised practicum will enable participants to receive CEUs and a Hearing Screening Training Certificate, which fulfills Connecticut's legislative requirement for hearing screening training [RCSA, Section 10-24-3(a)]. Registration for this course is ongoing.

School Vision Screening: An Online Course for School Nurses

Connecticut school nurses can self-pace their learning about vision and school vision screenings by participating in this online course. Course content includes the anatomical and physiological bases for vision, distinguishing between typical and atypical development, common eye problems (symptoms, treatment, and complications), and recommended vision screening tests. The tutorial also describes students and staff that should be involved in the screening process, and procedures to modify vision screening for students with special needs and those in early childhood programs. Registration for this online course is ongoing.

DATE:

These online, self-paced courses
open on February 1, 2018 and close
on June 30, 2018

FEE:

\$30 per person - Hearing Course
\$20 per person - Vision Course

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

June 30, 2018

AUDIENCE:

School Nurses

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Upcoming scheduled webinars – McKinney Vento

(Click on the registration link below and follow the instructions provided.)

- Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness: Helping Young Parents and Their Children Through Education and Early Care**
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 11:30AM – 12:45PM ET. Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6892523223219666434>
- Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility under ESSA**
Thursday, March 8, 2018, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET. Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e63c1d308234da705821c1be633d2798a>
- McKinney-Vento School Selection Rights Under ESSA**
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET. Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb469fbeeab29272cf045908ac5f4b32>
- NCHE Coffee Break: Understanding Doubled-Up**
Friday, March 23, 2018 | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET. Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0c8e8d9c169f2e26e42d50f891a36996>
- McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding the Rights of Students Experiencing Homelessness**
Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET. Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7007c0fdabf27a02ecfcf2d7e06c12b8>
- Improving High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Homelessness**
Monday, April 16, 2018, 2:00 – 3:15PM ET. Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8547736824224909315>
- School Counselors and Students Experiencing Homelessness: Tips and Strategies**
Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 2:00 – 3:15PM ET. Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5929145428874061059>
- Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Homeless Students under ESSA**
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET. Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3115d8f1db79061d0fe12fd2cc451505>
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- Strategies for Success: Partnering with Housing Authorities**
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 12:00 – 1:15PM ET. Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7623511539062616833>

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