



Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education Policy Statement

Scope of Practice Guide for Nursing Care in a School Setting by RNs & LPNs

The Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (Board), after hearing comments from stakeholders throughout the community and having had extensive discussion at the June 2017 meeting, would like to provide the following statement of support to School Nurses (RNs) throughout our state that provide care to children while attending school. Professional standards dictate that care is provided where the client is located. In the case of children who require nursing care throughout the day, while they are attending school, it is the school setting where care is being delivered. The Board supports the delivery of care by LPNs within their scope of practice in the school setting however, the LPN scope of practice may require the supervision of an RN. It is most appropriate for the School Nurse (RNs) to supervise the LPN delivering care during school hours. It is the School Nurse (RNs) assigned to the setting where a child is who is ultimately responsible and accountable for the plan of care during their attendance in school.