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BCS Needs Authorization to Dispense Medication

Regulations outlined in the Nurse Practice and State Education Law restricts the dispensation of medicine, even Tylenol, to students. If parents submit a written request to school authorities, accompanied by written authorization from a physician, then medicine can be given. The physician's note must indicate the frequency and dosage of the medication, and the nurse must have both parental and doctor authorization in writing before the medication can be dispensed.

In addition, the medicine should be delivered to the school nurse by the parent, not the child. The temptation to "share" a single dose can be very dangerous. In an emergency, the school nurse can receive verbal permission to medicate from the doctor.