

## **Students**

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

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child or ward must be signed by the child's physician and given to the Executive Director or designee. The Executive Director or designee shall develop procedures that assure such orders are filed in the member district's records, at a central location in SASED's central office, and in the teacher's working file. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act (755 ILCS 40/1).

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Building Principal/Program Administrator shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and physician, as well as school personnel designated by the IEP team. The team shall determine specific interventions to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. SASED personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

LEGAL REF.: Health Care Surrogate Act 755 ILCS 40/1  
Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Department of Health, 497 U.S. 261  
(1990). In re: C.A., a minor, 603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1, 1992).

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