

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board) to manage Advanced Directives and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders in accordance with State Laws and regulations (OAC 3701-62). The Board recognizes the sanctity of human life and the complexities involved in end-of-life decision making for individuals, their families and guardians.

The Board will manage serious injuries and other medical emergencies according to the “Code Red Procedures for Medical Emergencies.” All staff, as trained, shall provide necessary emergency care inclusive of CPR and First Aid, until relieved of this responsibility by nursing staff or emergency medical service personnel.

It is the policy of the Board to indemnify and hold harmless those staff that carry out the procedures related to the implementation of this policy and perform in accordance with Board policy, the rules of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Ohio Board of Nursing.

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PROCEDURE

If the parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled or applying for enrollment to a Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities (SCBDD) program, provides to the SCBDD staff a copy of an Advance Directive executed by, or a DNR order, on the Ohio Department of Health form, applicable to the student, then the Superintendent shall take the following steps:

1. When a DNR order is received by any staff member of the SCBDD, the DNR order will immediately be sent to the Director of Early Intervention and Nursing Services or designee.
2. The DNR order will be reviewed by the Director of Early Intervention and Nursing Services or designee to verify completion and authorized signatures.
3. The Director of Early Intervention and Nursing Services, or designee, shall furnish to the SCBDD nursing staff a copy of the current DNR order to be maintained:
 - a. In the individual's electronic health care record
 - b. In the medical section of the main file
 - c. With the student's emergency medical authorization form which is to be easily accessible in an emergent event
 - d. In the Transportation office
 - e. In the Route Book (The DNR will be noted on the Route Sheet)
4. The School nurse will train applicable staff providing direct services to the student on the DNR order according to the type of DNR; DNR Comfort Care-Arrest or DNR Comfort Care.
5. A copy of the existing DNR order on the Ohio Department of Health form will be given to the EMS staff when emergency treatment and transport are required.
6. The Director of Early Intervention and Nursing Services or designee will notify the SSA as applicable of the DNR order to ensure acknowledgment of the DNR order as a part of the IEP/IFSP.
7. DNR orders will be reviewed annually at the time of the student's plan (IEP, IFSP) review to ensure that all members of the team are aware of the DNR status.
8. Although the ORC and OAC permit identification of DNR status in a variety of ways (I.e. bracelets, cards, etc.), the only form of identification that SCBDD will accept is the Ohio Department of Health Standards DNR Identification Form. SCBDD encourages, if at all

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possible, personal identification of DNR Comfort Care Status, but cannot accept this personal identification alone to verify DNR status in our settings.

9. A DNR order will be considered current unless revoked by the student's parent or legal guardian or discontinued by the student's attending physician. This may be done orally but must be followed up in writing within 48 hours and be signed by the student's parent or legal guardian and if appropriate the student's physician. However, the student, parent or legal guardian wishes expressed verbally to revoke the DNR order will be honored immediately.
10. Provide the student's parent or legal guardian a copy of the Board's "Code Red Procedure for Medical Emergencies".
11. Advise the student's parent or legal guardian that, in the event of a medical emergency, SCBDD staff, as trained, will provide CPR and First Aid until the individual is under the care of nursing staff or emergency medical service personnel;
12. Provide the student's parent or legal guardian with information concerning the wearing of DNR identification approved by the Ohio Department of Health; and
13. Advise the student's parent or legal guardian that the SCBDD does not undertake to assure compliance with an Advance Directive or a DNR order beyond communicating to its nursing staff and to emergency medical personnel any relevant information known to SCBDD staff.

The SCBDD staff shall notify next of kin or other designated persons of the emergency and the steps taken to communicate SCBDD's knowledge of any Advance Directive or DNR order applicable to the student, and shall make a record of these events.