## Diabetes Skills Standard Training Checklist Hypoglycemia/Low Blood Sugar

## **Explanation/Return Demonstration**

- A. States understanding that Hypoglycemia/Low Blood Sugar requires immediate action
- B. The Individualized Student Health Plan (ISHP) is referenced and necessary interventions are followed.
- C. Obtain Blood Glucose value if possible.
- \* If blood glucose within range but student symptomatic provide 10-15 gram solid carb snack (crackers, ½ granola bar, etc.)
- \* Always treat if in doubt or blood sugar result is unavailable
- D. Preparation:
  - 1. Review Signs/Symptoms of Hypoglycemia/Low Blood Sugar: (Consult Hypoglycemia flow sheet as well)

**Mild** shakiness, irritability, anxiety, paleness, sleepiness (Sometimes there are NO SYMPTOMS)

**Moderate** increased irritability, confusion, dazed appearance – Student unable to coordinate efforts to drink juice or chew up glucose tabs – **adult intervention is necessary/Glucose gel** 

**Severe** unconscious/unresponsive and/or seizure

- E. Identifies Supplies and Location where supplies are kept:
  - 1. List appropriate fast acting sugar (carbs): juice, regular soda, glucose tabs, smarties, glucose gel
  - 2. **List appropriate stabilizing snack of carb/protein/fat**: granola bar, cheese and crackers, peanut butter and crackers
  - 3. Glucagon for severe low- unconscious/unresponsive and/or seizure (see Glucagon standard training checklist)
- F. Procedure:
  - a. Verbally recite appropriate response to a case scenario of hypoglycemia/low blood sugar
  - **b**. Check blood glucose/sugar if possible
  - c. Provide appropriate fast acting sugar source-

Mild low: 4 oz.juice or regular soda, glucose tabs, smarties

<u>Moderate low</u>: Glucose Gel – Keep student's head upright, squeeze glucose gel between cheek and gum, massage outer cheek and encourage student to swallow. Squeeze small amounts of gel at a time.

**Severe low**: Glucagon (see Glucagon standard training checklist)

- **d**. Re-check blood sugar in 10-15 minutes. Student to remain under adult staff supervision at all times.
- **e**. If blood sugar is still below target range, re-treat with 15 grams more of fast acting sugar, re-test blood sugar in 10-15 minutes.
- f. Once blood sugar in target range, student should eat stabilizing snack (or lunch if scheduled for that time).
- g. Lows before lunch must be treated! \*\*Insulin is then given after lunch has been eaten\*\*
- G. Contact parent and District Registered Nurse as indicated in ISHP
- H. Document on Daily Diabetes Monitoring Log
- I. Call 911 if student becomes unresponsive, has a seizure or is unable/unwilling to take gel or juice.
- J. Prepare to administer Glucagon if student becomes unconscious/unresponsive and/or has a seizure.