

<b>Inform drivers about which students on their bus routes have diabetes,</b> consistent with the student's right to privacy and confidentiality.
Ensure that drivers understand their role in ensuring compliance with Federal and State laws that may apply to students with diabetes, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Understand the procedures for implementing these laws. (See Section 4.)
Consult with the school nurse and the principal to determine the appropriate level of diabetes management training that drivers should attend for carrying out their responsibilities and ensure that they complete the training.
Ensure that drivers obtain a copy of the student's Emergency Care Plans for Hypoglycemia and Hyperglycemia and keep them on the bus in a known, yet secure place. Ensure that the plans are readily available for substitute drivers.
Ensure that drivers recognize that a student's behavior change could be a symptom of blood glucose changes.
Ensure that drivers are prepared to respond immediately to the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) and hyperglycemia (high blood glucose) and take initial actions in accordance with the student's Emergency Care Plans. These plans include information on when and how to contact the school nurse, trained diabetes personnel, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
Ensure that drivers keep supplies to treat low blood glucose on the bus (e.g., 3 or 4 glucose tablets or 1 tube of glucose gel or 4 ounces of fruit juice (not low-calorie or reduced sugar) or 6 ounces of soda (not low-calorie or reduced sugar) and are aware of where students with diabetes normally keep their supplies.
Ensure that drivers understand and are aware that hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) can occur at any time—in the beginning of the day, on a field trip, or when children are going home.
Ensure that drivers allow the student with diabetes to eat snacks and drink beverages on the bus.

## **Section 2**

## Actions for the Transportation Manager Continued

Ensure that drivers communicate with the school nurse, trained diabetes personnel, and other members of the school health team regarding the student's progress as well as any concerns.
Ensure that drivers treat the student with diabetes the same as other students, except to respond to their medical needs.
Ensure that drivers respect the student's confidentiality and right to privacy.