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## **518 DNR-DNI ORDERS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The cooperative recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs. The cooperative also recognizes that cooperative staff may be confronted with requests to withhold emergency care of a student in the event of a life threatening situation at school or school activities or be presented with Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI) orders. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to cooperative staff and parents or guardians in these situations.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The primary mission of the cooperative is education. DNR-DNI orders are medical documents. Cooperative staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. The cooperative will not convey such orders to emergency medical personnel.
- B. Cooperative staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- C. Cooperative staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- D. The parent/guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible.
- E. Notwithstanding this cooperative policy, IEP and Section 504 teams must develop individualized medical emergency care plans for students when appropriate in accordance with state and federal law.
- F. Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI orders, shall be advised of and shall be given a copy of this policy.

**Legal References:** 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)  
42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

**Cross References:**