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**STANDING MEDICAL ORDERS
For Medication Administration in the School Setting**

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: The administration of prescription FDA approved medications in the school setting will require the written permission of the student's parent and physician. Redwood County Public Health shall be notified to review the medication and then may delegate administration of the medication to the school health professional or the school representative who is adequately trained to carry out administration of the medication. If Redwood County Public Health has any concerns, the physician will be consulted prior to administration of the medication.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: The administration of FDA approved non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, aspirin, cough syrup, nasal spray, Maalox, etc. will require the written permission from parent and authorization by a nurse at Redwood County Public Health to be given in the school setting. The nurse will review the non-prescription medication and can delegate the medication to be given to the student after the dosage is checked and determined it is safe to administer. If the nurse determines any potential safety concerns, a physician will be contacted prior to administration.

COUGH DROPS: Cough drops may be administered within the school setting with parental permission. The Public Health Nurse will monitor that cough drops are used appropriately within the school setting. Students in 5th grade or above will be allowed to carry cough drops with them and self-medicate unless the student's parent indicates not to allow this.

NOTE: All medications shall be kept in the school office unless the student's parent has been contacted and substitute arrangements are made. The school and Redwood County Public Health will not be responsible for students who self medicate and do not notify the school office of use of medication within the school setting.