Instructions for Completion of New York State School Health Examination Form

This form is to be completed in its entirety, except fields designated as optional, by the private provider or school medical director. NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in grades pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11; annually for inter-scholastic sports; and working papers as needed; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-school special education (CPSE). The date of examination must be not more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year and noted on form.

Health History
Chronic medical conditions should be listed in patient’s problem list.
• ICD-10 codes should accompany diagnoses ONLY for patients who have Medicaid and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for special education in school and receive related services (i.e. nursing, social worker/psychologist, PT/OT/ST, or special transportation).
• Asthma, Seizure disorders, life threatening allergies and Diabetes must be included if diagnosed, and each require a separately attached care plan:
  o Diabetes- requires a Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP) specifying the type of diabetes and most recent hemoglobin A1c (include date), See NYSDOH Diabetes Medical Management Plan;
  o Seizure disorders care plans should include date of last known seizure; See NYSCSH Seizure ECP with Medication Information;
  o Asthma - Asthma Action Plans should include medication orders along with directives. See NYSDOH Asthma Action Plan;
  o Allergies - life threatening allergy care plans should specify what the patient is allergic to. See AAAI Sample Anaphylaxis Emergency Action Plan.
• Consider screening for T2DM if BMI% >85% and child has 2 or more risk factors: Family history of T2DM, Ethnicity, Symptoms of insulin resistance, History of gestational diabetes in the mother, and or pre-diabetes.
• Include hyperlipidemia and hypertension if diagnosed.
• Include mention of unpaired eye, kidney or testicle if relevant.
• Include mental health diagnoses where permitted by patient/family.
• Under allergies, List all allergies including medication, food, insects, latex, and other environmental allergens.
• Attach medication administration forms for medication which will be administered in school.
• Past medical history must include any concussions with the dates of when they occurred.
• Height, weight, and BMI must be provided including percentile for each, as well as marking appropriate BMI category.
• Pulse and respiratory rate are to be documented for students with diagnosed respiratory or cardiac conditions.

Laboratory and Diagnostic Testing
• Tuberculosis screening, if indicated and performed, should specify type of testing (PPD or Interferon-gamma release assay), result, and test date.
• Vision screening and hearing in grades PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11, and for scoliosis in grades 5 and 7 for girls, grade 9 for boys that is not done or reported on the school form will be performed by the school.
• Vision screening should include the results of distance acuity testing in each eye (pass is 20/30 or better), an assessment of near vision acuity (pass is 20/40 or better). Color vision (pass/fail) is required if student is attending a new school. See NYSED Vision Screening Guidelines for Schools.
• Hearing screening should be performed at 20 db and pass or fail noted for each frequency (500Hz, 1000Hz, 2000Hz, 4000Hz); children ≥11 years of age should be screened for high frequency hearing loss by testing at 6000Hz and 8000Hz. See NYSED Hearing Screening Guidelines for Schools.
• Lead screening- indicate if screening done for students in PreK or K.

Physical Examination
• A complete physical exam must include the following systems: HEENT, Dental, Neck, Lymph nodes, Lungs, Abdomen, Back/Spine including screening for scoliosis (see above grade levels), Genitourinary, Extremities, Skin, Neurological, Speech/Language, Social-Emotional, and Musculoskeletal.
• Abnormal findings on review of systems and physical exam should be noted.
• Tanner Staging (1-5) must be supplied ONLY for any student in Grades 7 or 8 to play sports at a high school level or Grades 9-12 to play middle school level sports.

Assessment and Recommendations
• State has no restrictions if applicable.
• Please note any restrictions on physical activity including participation in physical education, sports, playground and work. Include applicable limitations on contact sports - baseball, basketball, competitive cheerleading, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling, non-contact sports- archery, badminton, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, riflery, skiing, swimming and diving, and track & field, or other specific restrictions.
• List any accommodations required for participation including but not limited to: Brace/Orthotic, Insulin pump/sensor, Protective equipment, Colostomy appliance, Medical/Prosthetic device, Sport safety goggles, Hearing aids, Pacemaker/Defibrillator, etc. Specific approval and associated documentation may be required if use of device will occur during athletic competitions, please check with athletic governing body for more information.
• Chronic medications should be listed- medication strength/concentration, formulation, dose, frequency, and timing should be noted for those medications to be administered during the school day.
• Providers may attach an immunization form or refer to NYSIIS registry if record available and complete.
• Referrals, such as those for abnormalities on vision or hearing screening should be noted.
• Please include any additional information that may be useful to the school that is not otherwise solicited.