

# **MASC Policy Newsletter**

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This policy newsletter will cover a number of topics resulting from recent legislation in Massachusetts. **All policies are posted as Word documents on the “Updated/New Policies” page on the MASC website** and in the MASC Policy Reference Manual.

## **Updated Physical Restraint Policy JKAA**

MASC issued an updated version of our sample policy, JKAA Physical Restraint Policy, in August of 2015 so districts could, if they so wished, comply with the new regulations for the full school year. **This is a reminder that the new regulations, 603 CMR 46.00 are in effect as of January 1, 2016** and districts that have not done so need to update their policies.

## **Substance Abuse Prevention and Education**

Recent legislation, **Chapter 71 section 96, requires that district’s post their policies related to this subject on their websites and that they notify parents and students of the existence of these policies.** MASC has updated policies **GBEC, IHAMB, and JICH**. **GBEC** has added cross references to the other policies and **IHAMB** and **JICH** have been rewritten to reflect the requirements and enhanced legal references and cross references.

## **NARCAN Administration in School Settings**

### **Administration of Medications to Students – JLCD**

MASC has updated Policy **JLCD** to include language related to the administration of nasal naloxone (Narcan) in a school setting. This language notes that School Committee action is necessary to allow non-medical staff to be trained in the administration of nasal naloxone and requires the Superintendent to ensure that medical personnel have a written protocol for such training and administration. The recently passed (March 14, 2016) Opioid Legislation also provides a “Good Samaritan” provision that protects staff and others when administering nasal naloxone.

### **Emergency Plans – EBC**

While we have not made any additional changes to the policy itself, we would note that if non-medical staff are trained in the administration of nasal naloxone, we would recommend that the district include the written protocol in the district emergency response plan.

## **Student Activity Accounts - JJF**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently updated their audit guidelines for student activity accounts and MASCO has made appropriate changes to our sample policy on Student Activity Accounts – JJF to reflect the audit guidelines. These changes address concerns about Agency and Checking accounts, the handling of cash and reimbursements, and the handling of class funds especially after class graduation.