Seizure Action Plan and Seizure Management Treatment Form

<u>Sam's Law (HB 684)</u>, requires all Texas public school personnel whose duties include regular contact with students to be trained in seizure recognition and seizure first aid. People who interact with children with epilepsy daily need to be trained to care for them if they have a seizure. Sam's Law ensures that Texas public schools are well-equipped with the tools necessary to provide a safe and enriching environment.

Senate Bill (SB) <u>1506</u>, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, amended Texas Education Code (TEC) <u>§38.032</u> requiring TEA to post on the agency's website a form to be used to submit a seizure management and treatment plan that includes <u>specific</u> information and the signatures of the student's parent or guardian and the physician responsible for the student's seizure treatment.

TEA Seizure Management Form Update January 1, 2024 <u>(English)</u> contains the essential information school staff may need to know to help a student who has seizures. It includes information on first aid, parent and health care provider contacts, and medications specifically for that child. Seizure Action Plans are an important tool that helps parents and schools partner to keep children safe and healthy during the school day.

The final version of the required form to be used for submitting this information can be found under the Announcements section of the <u>Healthy and Safe School Environment</u> of the Coordinated School Health Model webpage.

For easy access to the required forms, please see the link below:

- <u>TEA Seizure Management Treatment Form (Spanish)</u> (PDF)
- TEA Seizure Management Treatment Form (PDF) (updated February 1, 2024)

All students with Epilepsy/Seizures MUST have an Epilepsy/Seizure Action Plan filled out by their physician and signed by their parent/Guardian. The completed Epilepsy/Seizure Care plan must be turned into the school nurse's office to inform the appropriate Staff at their Newman International Academy campus for proper care of the Student.

Managing epilepsy while at school may involve:

Following the seizure action plan and administering first aid (including the use of rescue medications).

- Understanding the importance of medication adherence and supporting students who take daily medications.
- Helping students avoid seizure triggers, such as flashing lights, or other triggers identified in the seizure action plan.
- Monitoring and addressing any related medical conditions, including mental health concerns such as depression.

- Providing case management services for students whose medical condition disrupts their school attendance or academic performance.
- Refer students with uncontrolled seizures to medical services within the community or to the Epilepsy Foundation for more information.
- Understanding the laws related to disability, medical conditions, and special education to ensure that children with epilepsy can access the free and appropriate education afforded to them under the law.
- Monitoring student behavior to prevent bullying of students with epilepsy.