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Dear New Hampshire Music Educators,

As we prepare for the upcoming festival season, we want to ensure that you are aware of some important changes regarding nursing policies at NHMEA events. After a comprehensive review of our current practices, existing school law (N.H. Admin. Code § Ed 311.02), and to minimize potential conflicts with common school district policies regarding field trips, we have made the following updates to our policies and procedures regarding nursing and medication distribution at festivals:

Key Changes:

Nursing Availability: Nurses will only be present at overnight festivals. Their only role will be to provide basic first aid and triage any medical concerns that may arise.

Medication Distribution: NHMEA will no longer be responsible for the storage or distribution of medication during events. We encourage you to refer to your school/district policy regarding student field trips and the training of school educators regarding student medical care/medication distribution while traveling with students.

We recognize that these changes may impact your planning for students attending our events, and we wanted to share this information as early as possible to help you plan accordingly.

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding our new policy, please contact me at statemanager@nhmea.org.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued dedication to music education in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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Eric Kobb

Executive Director