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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads,
Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School
Administrators

Route To: Principals, School Nurses, Athletic Directors, Athletic Trainers, Coaches

From: Peggy McDonald, Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Learning Supports and Specialized Services

Deadline: March 2, 2018

Revised Opioid Use and Misuse Fact Sheet and Sign-Off Sheet

Earlier this month, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) released the *Opioid Use and Misuse Educational Fact Sheet* and its companion template sign-off form. Since that time, the NJDOE has determined that the information provided within the fact sheet regarding the use of Tramadol as a choice to relieve pain is not consistent with the views of all medical professionals; therefore that information has since been removed. The revised fact sheet can be found on the NJDOE's [Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use](#) webpage.

Action Steps

School districts should determine the best approach to notify student-athletes, cheerleaders and parents or guardians of the revision if the original *Opioid Use and Misuse Educational Fact Sheet* had already been distributed. There is no requirement that the fact sheet be reissued to those students and parents or guardians who have already signed off on receipt of the original version. Please continue to use only the revised fact sheet in the future, and replace the original fact sheet on your website with the revised version.

Background

As a reminder, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.10*, the fact sheet must be distributed and a sign-off sheet completed and collected for each student-athlete or cheerleader and his or her parent or guardian prior to the first official practice session of the spring 2018 athletic season (March 2, as designated by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), and annually thereafter prior to the student's first official practice of the school year.

Spanish versions of the fact sheet and sign-off form are expected to be available on the NJDOE's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use webpage in coming weeks.

Contact Information

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