



# WILL'S LAW

## Overview

In 2022, Governor Parson signed SB710 section 167.625, RSMo. to prioritize school safety for children diagnosed with a seizure disorder, including epilepsy. This law has three key components:

1. Requires the school nurse or designee to ensure school staff are trained every two years on the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders.
  - a. The training can be offered online or in-person.
  - b. The training must be approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services.
  - c. The training must be provided by a reputable, local, Missouri-based health care or nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders, such as the Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas [www.efmk.org](http://www.efmk.org).
2. Requires the school nurse or designee to coordinate care for students with a seizure disorder, including communication with students' health care providers through proper release of information.
  - a. Information regarding release of information visit the Department of Health and Human Services' [HIPAA website](#) and the Department of Education's [FERPA website](#).
  - b. HIPPA vs FERPA—see CDC infographic attachment.
3. Requires the school nurse to develop an individualized emergency health care plan and an individualized health care plan for students identified through parent request for seizure disorder care while at school.
  - a. **Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan (IEHC)** is defined in Will's Law as a document developed by school nurse in consultation with parent and other appropriate medical professionals. This plan describes the procedures and specific directions a person will take in an emergency. The parent, school nurse and a school administrator sign this form. In the absence of a school nurse, the administrator signs.
    - An IEHP template is included in the School Nurse Chronic Health Assessment Tool (SN CHAT). This tool was developed to assist the school nurse to interview a parent by phone, virtual conference call or in person to gather information about their child's unique response to a health condition and then develop a plan.
    - SN CHAT <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/schoolhealth/pdf/sn-chat.pdf>



- b. **Individualized Health Care Plan (IHCP)** is defined in Will's Law as a document developed by the school nurse in consultation with a parent and other appropriate medical providers to describe the health services needed for a student. The plan shall be updated by the school nurse before the beginning of each school year and as necessary if there is a change in health status of the student.
- The IHCP services *may* include:
    - a. Written orders from the student's physician or advanced practice nurse describing the epilepsy or seizure disorder care.
    - b. The symptoms for that particular student and recommended care.
    - c. Whether the student may fully participate in exercises and sports as well as contraindications to exercise or accommodations for the student.
    - d. Accommodations for school trips, afterschool activities, class parties and other school-sponsored or related events.
    - e. Information for school employees on how to recognize and provide care, providing first aid, when to call for assistance and emergency contact information.
    - f. Medical and treatment issues that may affect the educational process.
    - g. Student's ability to self-manage, student's level of understanding of epilepsy or seizure disorder.
    - h. How to maintain communication with student's parent and health care provider.

#### Links or attachments

1. [Will's Law](#)
2. [SN CHAT](#)
3. [Emergency Action Plan in fillable format](#)
4. [Comprehensive plan in fillable format for parent to complete](#)
5. [CDC Infographic HIPAA vs FERPA](#)