



The Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services

Dear Physicians,

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) greatly appreciate your commitment to helping ensure that all students in Wisconsin receive the highest quality education. To this end, school districts in Wisconsin have been receiving physicians' prescriptions for a variety of Special Education Services. While we appreciate your attention and focus, please be advised that Special Education, under state and federal law, must be determined through the school district's evaluation process, and cannot be prescribed. The link below, posted on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's website, clarifies how special education services are provided in Wisconsin's public schools.

DPI Link: http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sped/doc/sped_physician.doc

This information is a joint effort by the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Special Education Team.