

Nurses & ADs: Medical Liability Forms are Due Oct. 1

**Nurses, Trainers, ADs
Eligible for Coverage;
Rate Steady since '05**

Nurses who teach or supervise in the medical arts area can obtain additional liability insurance through the NEA Educators Employment Liability Program Insurance – and it is amazingly inexpensive.

For the low, low fee of \$13 – a fee that has not changed since 2005 – the NEA plan offers nurses, other health educators and athletic trainers additional coverage for teaching and supervisory responsibilities.

The policy is available to both active and active part-time NSEA members and covers school nurses for:

- Rendering first-aid and regular nursing services as a part of the member's educational employment.

- Administration of oral prescription medicine to students, if advance written authorization has been provided.

In addition to nurses, eligible school employees include dental hygienists, occupational therapists or physical therapists. NSEA members who are athletic trainers are also eligible to purchase the coverage. Dental hygienists and athletic trainers, however, are not provided coverage for rendering, supervising or teaching under the EEL Program. They can, however, through the endorsement, pick up coverage in all three activity areas. Only members in these five occupational categories may purchase the Medical and Related Arts Endorsement.

Interested NSEA members should send a letter requesting the coverage, along with a check for \$13, payable to NSEA, to: Becky Fisher, NSEA, 605 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-2742. Be sure to indicate your occupation (school nurse). Also include your home and work telephone numbers.

Checks for 2019-20 must be received by Oct. 1 to provide coverage retroactive to the start of the school year. Checks received after that date will provide coverage for the remaining months of the employment year.

For details, call NSEA at 1-800-742-0047.



Speaking of Mentoring: NSEA Organizational Specialist Dr. Cindy Copich, left, visits with Ted Schroeder, president of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, at the Nebraska Coaches Association clinic in July. At center is Hastings Education Association member Peggy Johnson.

Mentoring Project Partnership will Benefit Coaches and Teachers

National Coaching Leader Says Program Worth Emulating Elsewhere

The Nebraska Coaches Association has entered a partnership with the Nebraska State Education Association to offer a New Teacher/New Coach Virtual Mentoring Program to early-in-their-career teachers and coaches.

The president of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association believes the program is a wise idea that should be emulated in other states.

Ted Schroeder is a longtime track and field coach at Rock Springs, WY, and a four-time Wyoming state coach of the year. He applauded the NCA and NSEA for creating an opportunity for coaches and teachers to improve their skills. He noted that too many coaches, like teachers, are leaving the profession far too soon.

“The essence of the mentorship program is to help teachers and coaches understand how to deal with today's issues,” he said. “I'm sure that the mentee will prove to be as valuable to the mentor as the mentor is to the mentee.”

Through the program, participating teachers and coaches must complete a minimum of 25 hours of program time and a time log/reflection that includes aspects of teaching and coaching. Those mentors and mentees who complete the requirements by June 2020, and who are members of the NSEA, are eligible for a \$500 stipend.

The goals of the program, made possible through a grant from the Great Public

Schools Fund of the National Education Association include:

- Raising the standard of professionalism and skills for beginning teachers and coaches.

- Increasing retention of coaches and teachers in the education profession.

- Decreasing the number of infractions and issues teachers and coaches encounter in the classroom and athletic arena.

- Embedding professional development and engagement in both organizations.

- Further enriching the collaboration between the two organizations and their members.

NSEA Organizational Specialist Dr. Cindy Copich manages the program for NSEA, coordinating with NCA Executive Director Darin Boysen.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for NSEA and NCA to partner and support the success of beginning teachers and coaches,” said Copich. “We're proud to partner with the NCA to provide an innovative program to demonstrate the value of membership in both organizations.”

Schroeder hopes other state education associations and state coaches' associations will take note.

“In the future, it is my sincere hope that we can bring this idea forward to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and ‘mentor’ other states around the country,” he said. “In the meantime, I am watching and learning from the Nebraska model.”

For more details, or to participate, reach Copich at 1-800-742-0047, or at:

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