



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2305.231 Immunity of health professionals volunteering services to school athletic program.

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(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Dentist" means a person who is licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code to practice dentistry.
- (2) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery.
- (3) "Registered nurse" means a nurse who is licensed as a registered nurse under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Therapeutic recreation" means adoptive recreation services to persons with illnesses or disabling conditions in order to do any of the following:
 - (a) Restore, remediate, or rehabilitate;
 - (b) Improve functioning and independence;
 - (c) Reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability.

(B) No physician who volunteers the physician's services as a team physician or team podiatrist to a school's athletics program, no dentist who volunteers the dentist's services as a team dentist to a school's athletics program, and no registered nurse who volunteers the registered nurse's services as a team nurse to a school's athletics program is liable in damages in a civil action for administering emergency medical care, emergency dental care, other emergency professional care, or first aid treatment to a participant in an athletic event involving the school, at the scene of the event or while the participant is being transported to a hospital, physician's or dentist's office, or other medical or



dental facility, or for acts performed in administering the care or treatment, unless the acts of the physician, dentist, or registered nurse constitute willful or wanton misconduct.

(C)(1) No physician who volunteers the physician's services as a camp physician at a camp that specializes in therapeutic recreation, and no registered nurse who volunteers the registered nurse's services at such a camp, is liable in damages in a civil action for either of the following:

(a) Administering medical care, or emergency professional care, or first aid treatment to a participant in the camp or while the participant is being transported to a hospital, physician's or dentist's office, or other medical or dental facility;

(b) Acts performed in administering that care or treatment.

(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply if the acts of the physician or registered nurse constitute willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) This section does not apply if the administration of emergency medical care, emergency dental care, other emergency professional care, or first aid treatment is rendered for remuneration, or with the expectation of remuneration, from the recipient of the care or treatment or from someone on the recipient's behalf.