# Sickle Cell Anemia (SCA) Action Plan

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### SCA Emergency Action

The following are symptoms of a painful episode:

- pain in the hands or feet
- bone pain in the arms, legs, back or chest
- abdominal pain

#### CONTACT THE PARENT

## These signs indicate the need to seek medical care:

- cough, pain in chest, fever, bone pain, hypoxia
- loss of balance, weakness in a limb or limbs on one side
- headache, visual disturbances, change in behavior, seizure
- pallor (nail beds, conjunctiva), lethargy

CONTACT THE PARENT/CALL 911 as needed (neurologic changes may indicate stroke)

Pallor, weakness, lethargy, swollen painful abdomen, and perspiration is a medical emergency (symptoms of splenic sequestration) - CALL 911

#### Other:

- for vomiting & diarrhea contact the parent as dehydration can precipitate a painful episode
- physical activity may need to be modified (should avoid prolonged exertion)
- allow adequate fluid intake throughout the school day along with access to the bathroom
- reduce exposure to extreme hot or cold environmental temperatures, (ice is NOT to be used for injuries)!
- administer medication as prescribed by the physician allow student to rest until medication takes effect
- reduce exposure to communicable disease

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