**School Health Services Procedure**

**Self-administration and self-carry of medications for asthma and allergy** (Public Act 97-0361 and Public Act 98-0795)

**Asthma Medication**: a school must permit a pupil with asthma the self administration of the medication so long as the parent provides (**1)** written authorization and **2)** a prescription label with the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage and the time and circumstances under which the medication is to be administered.

**Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:** a school must permit a student with allergies the use of an epinephrine auto-injector provided **1)** the parent provides written authorization from the student’s physician, physician assistant or advance practice registered nurse and **2)** the parent provides a written statement from the pupil’s physician(or designee as above) for the self-administration and/or self-carry containing the name and purpose of the epinephrine auto-injector, the prescribed dosage, and the time or circumstances under which the epinephrine auto-injector is to be administered.

* Students must have on file a complete and current Self-Administration Medication Authorization form, signed by the parents acknowledging the limited liability to the school from any injury arising from the administration of medication, except for willful and wanton conduct.
* In the event that a student has a physician written and signed/dated Asthma Action Plan, and/or Allergy Action Plan, and the physician order is contained within the Asthma and/or Allergy Action Plan, meeting all requirements of prescription authority, this will meet the requirement in lieu of completion of the Medication Authorization form. The requirement for parental consent and liability acknowledgement on the Medication Authorization Form remains in place.
* The student’s Self -Administration Medication Authorization form and prescription and/or prescription label (asthma medication only) information is to be maintained by the school nurse in the health office.
* Permission for self-administration of medication or use of epinephrine auto-injectors must be renewed each school year.
* Students with the aforementioned authorization and prescription on file in the health office may possess and use asthma medication or an epinephrine auto-injector at school, at a school sponsored-activity, while under the supervision of school personnel, or before or after normal school activities.
* A school must permit a student, who has the authority to self-administer asthma medication or an epinephrine auto-injector as stated previously, also has the authority to self-carry the asthma medication or epinephrine auto-injector.

**Undesignated (“stock”) epinephrine auto-injectors:**  may be carried (while in school or at a school-sponsored event) and used by a school nurse ( or appropriately trained personnel ,(in order to be considered appropriately trained, personnel must complete specific annual training, which must include CPR and AED certification, and submit evidence of the training to the school).

In order to have undesignated epinephrine auto-injector maintained within the school, the school must have a prescription from a physician or physician assistant with prescriptive authority or standing orders.

The school nurse or other appropriately trained personnel may administer an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector to a student or person that the school nurse or trained personnel believes is having an anaphylactic reaction.

In the event an epinephrine auto-injector (prescribed or undesignated) is administered to a student, the EMS system must be immediately activated and the student’s parents are to be notified of the event.

The undesignated epinephrine auto-injector may be stored in any secure location where an allergic person is most at risk (e.g. classrooms, lunchroom, etc.), and, if available, at least one (1) undesignated epinephrine auto-injector will be maintained in the health office in a secure, unlocked location.

The school nurse (or other appropriately trained personnel) may carry an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector on his or her person while in school or at a school sponsored activity.

The school must notify the physician who provided the standing prescription of the use of the undesignated epinephrine auto-injector, and also report the use and other required information to Illinois State Board of Education within 3 days after the use, utilizing ISBE Form (34-20).

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