

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: POSSESSION/USE OF
 LIFE SAVING MEDICATIONS
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210.1 POSSESSION/USE OF LIFE SAVING MEDICATIONS	
<p>1. Authority SC 1414.1</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) shall permit authorized students to possess asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors and other life saving medications and to self-administer the prescribed medication in compliance with state law and JOC policy.</p>
<p>2. Definition SC 1410</p>	<p>Asthma inhaler shall mean a prescribed device used for self-administration of short-acting metered doses of prescribed medication to treat an acute asthma attack. (This does not include long-acting inhalers.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Epinephrine auto-injector shall mean a prescribed disposable drug delivery system <i>designed for the self-administration of epinephrine to provide rapid first aid for persons suffering the effects of anaphylaxis.</i> 2. Other life saving medications shall include insulin, abortive seizure medication and other prescribed drugs which require immediate administration during a medical emergency or medicines which have the potential to sustain life.
<p>3. Guidelines SC 1414.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p><u>Student Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:</u> Self-administration shall mean a student's use of a medication in accordance with a prescription or written instructions from a licensed prescriber, which shall include licensed physicians (M.D. and D.O.) certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant with prescriptive privileges.</p> <p>Before a student may possess or use a life saving medication during school hours, the JOC shall require compliance with the Career Center's medication policy in addition to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written request from the parent/guardian that the Career Center complies with the order of the licensed prescriber.

2. A written statement from the parent/guardian that the school is not responsible for ensuring the medication is taken and relieving the Career Center and its employees of the responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication.
3. A written statement from the licensed prescriber that states:
 - a. The name of the drug.
 - b. Prescribed dosage.
 - c. Times medication is to be taken.
 - d. Length of time medication is prescribed.
 - e. Diagnosis or reason medication is needed, unless confidential.
 - f. Potential serious reaction or side-effects of medication
 - g. Emergency response.
 - h. If child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication.
4. A written acknowledgement from the Emergency Nurse that the student has demonstrated that they are capable of self-administration of the asthma inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector in the school setting. Determination of competency for self-administration shall be based on the student's age, cognitive function, maturity, and demonstration of responsible behavior.
5. A written acknowledgement from the student that they have received instruction from the student's licensed prescriber on proper safety precautions for the handling and disposal of the asthma inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector, including acknowledgement that the student will not allow other students to have access to the prescribed medication and that they understand appropriate safeguards.

To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:

- a. Respond to and Visually recognize his/her name.
- b. Identify his/her medication
- c. Demonstrate the proper technique for self-administering medication
- d. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication, the signature sheet is maintained in the Emergency Nurse's office.

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Any student who does not meet the self-administration requirements following assessment by the Emergency Nurse will not be permitted to carry and self-administer a life saving medication at school.

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in immediate confiscation of the asthma inhaler and medication and loss of privileges.

<p>SC 1414.1 SC 1401</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Career Center reserves the right to require a statement from the licensed prescriber with prescriptive privileges for the continued use of a medication beyond the specified time period. Permission for possession and use of a life-saving medication by a student shall be effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee, in conjunction with the Emergency Nurse shall develop procedures for student possession of life saving medications and self-administration of prescribed medication.</p> <p>The Career Center shall annually inform staff, students, and parents/guardians about the policy and procedures governing student possession and use of life saving medications.</p> <p>A written request for student use of an asthma inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector shall be submitted annually, along with required written statements from the parent/guardian and an updated prescription. If there is a change in the student's prescribed care plan, level of self-management or school circumstances during the school year, the parent/guardian and the licensed prescriber shall update the written statements.</p> <p>The student shall notify the Emergency Nurse immediately following each use of an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector.</p> <p>Students shall be prohibited from sharing, giving, selling, and using an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector in any manner other than which it is prescribed during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities. Violations of this Policy, provisions of a Service Agreement or IEP, or demonstration of unwillingness or inability to safeguard the asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector may result in loss of privilege to self-carry the asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector and disciplinary action in accordance with Board Policy and applicable procedural safeguards.</p> <p>If the Career Center denies a student's request to self-carry an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector or the student has lost the privilege of self-carrying an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector, the student's prescribed medication shall be appropriately stored at a location in close proximity to the student. The Emergency Nurse, other designated Career Center employees and the student's classroom teachers shall be informed where the medication is stored and the means to access the medication.</p>
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Training

Before any Career Center employee may be responsible for the storage or administration of epinephrine auto-injectors under this Policy, the employee must successfully complete a training course approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Refresher training shall be completed every two (2) years, and a hand-on demonstration and review of this Policy and any accompanying procedures shall be completed annually.

A list of Career Center employees who successfully complete such training shall be maintained, updated and kept in the Emergency Nurse's office and the administration office.

Indemnification

The Career Center shall indemnify and hold harmless any employee who administers an epinephrine auto-injector in good faith to a student experiencing anaphylaxis, if all of these conditions apply:

1. The employee did not act with the intent to harm or with reckless indifference to a substantial risk or harm in administering the epinephrine auto-injector to the student.
2. The employee successfully completed the training required by this Policy.
3. The employee promptly sought additional medical assistance before or immediately after administering the epinephrine auto-injector.
4. The employee administered the epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to this Policy, and the student's individualized plan, if applicable.

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1414.1, 1414.2, 1414.9

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41

42 Pa. C.S.A. 8332, 8337.1, 8451, 8545, 8547, 8548

Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidance - Epinephrine Auto-Injector Administration, May 2018

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER**Medication Administration Consent and
Licensed Prescriber Order**

Student Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

School: _____

Teacher/Grade: _____

In accordance with Career Center policy, medication(s) should be given at home before and/or after school. However, when this is not possible, prior to receiving medication at school, each student must provide the Emergency Nurse with a *Medication Administration Consent* form signed by the student's parent/guardian and a *Medication Order* from a licensed prescriber. All medications must be in an original prescription bottle/container from a pharmacy.

Parent/Guardian Consent:

I give my permission, for my child: _____, to receive the following medication by a licensed prescriber during the school day. I understand the medications will be given by a school health personnel according to my child's licensed prescriber's directions.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian name printed: _____

Phone: _____

Licensed Prescriber Medication Order:

Patient's Name: _____

Date: _____

Name of Medication: _____

Route and dosage: _____

Time of administration: _____

Directions: _____

Discontinuation date: _____

Allergies: _____

Licensed Prescriber Signature: _____

Licensed Prescriber name printed: _____

Phone Number: _____