



Propel Schools
Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to allow scholars to possess and self-administer asthma rescue inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors in compliance with state law and board policy.

Self-administration of emergency medication in schools refers to situations in which scholars carry their own medication and administer it during the school day, as ordered by their licensed prescriber and authorized by their parent/guardian and school. Scholars with diagnoses such as asthma and life-threatening allergies are good examples when self-administration may be appropriate and necessary.

Definitions

Asthma Rescue Inhaler -a prescribed device used for self-administration of short-acting, metered doses of prescribed medication to treat an acute asthma attack

Epinephrine Auto-Injector-a prescribed disposable medication delivery system used for the self-administration of epinephrine to provide rapid first aid to a person experiencing a severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.

Self-Administration-a scholar's use of medication in accordance with a prescription from a licensed provider.

Procedures

In accordance with Act 195 of 2014, scholars are permitted to possess and self-administer asthma rescue inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors at school.

Before a scholar may possess and self-administer the above medications, the following are required:

1. A signed order from a licensed provider for the medication, including a statement that it is necessary for the scholar to carry the medication and that the scholar is capable of self-administration.
2. A written parent/guardian consent for the scholar to be able to self-administer the medication at school. This form also relieves Propel Schools and its personnel of any responsibility for the prescribed medication. Propel Schools and its staff bear no responsibility for the benefits or consequences that may be an effect of self-medicating, or for misuse of the medication.
3. The nurse shall conduct a baseline health assessment.
4. The scholar shall demonstrate the ability to responsibly self-administer the medication to the nurse. The nurse shall document that the scholar met the following criteria:



- Respond to and visually recognize his/her name
- Identify the medication
- Demonstrate proper technique for self-administering his/her medication
- Verbalize symptoms when medication should be used

Unless being used for field trips or after-school activities, it is recommended that the medication remain stored in the nurse’s office. The scholar shall notify the school nurse or designated staff member, after every episode of self-medication administration. The parent/guardian is responsible for monitoring medication expiration dates and for notifying the school nurse of any medication changes.

Propel Schools reserves the right to withdraw permission at any time if the scholar is unable to demonstrate safe, responsible behavior in carrying and/or taking this medication.

Medication orders and permission forms must be renewed every school year and with all medication changes.

Delegation of Responsibility

All Propel School staff involved in the administration of medication on an emergency basis, or the supervision of self-administration of medication on an emergency basis shall receive documented and appropriate training provided by Propel Schools before performing this responsibility. The only medications that unlicensed staff can administer are asthma rescue inhalers and epinephrine auto-injector pens.

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