ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS
(Use of Epinephrine Delivery Systems

Student possession of an epinephrine delivery system is permitted only if the student has written approval from the prescriber of the epinephrine delivery system and, if a minor, from his/her parent. Written approval must be on file with the principal and, if one is assigned, the school nurse. In addition, the principal or school nurse must receive a backup dose of the epinephrine delivery system from the parent or student.

The prescriber's written approval must specify at least the following information:

1. student's name and address;

2. names and dose of the epinephrine contained in the delivery system;

3. the date that administration of the epinephrine through the delivery system is to begin and, if known, the date that authority to administer epinephrine through the delivery system;

4. acknowledgement that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the delivery system appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the delivery system;

5. circumstances in which the delivery system should be used;

6. written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow if the student is unable to administer the medication or the epinephrine through the delivery system does not produce the expected relief from the student's anaphylaxis (allergic response);

7. any severe reaction that:

    1. the student may experience when using the epinephrine delivery system that should be reported to the prescriber or

    2. may occur to another student for whom the epinephrine delivery system is not prescribed, if that student receives a dose of the epinephrine;

8. at least one emergency telephone number each for contacting the prescriber and the parent and

9. any other special instructions from the prescriber.

Whenever a student uses an epinephrine delivery system at school or at an activity, event or program sponsored by the school or in which the school is a participant, a school employee must immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider. Request for medical assistance applies whether the student self-administers the epinephrine through the delivery system or a school employee administers it to the student.

The Board and District employees are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death or loss to person or property allegedly arising if:

1. a school employee prohibits a student from using an epinephrine delivery system because he/she has a good faith belief that the conditions for carrying and using the medication have not been satisfied;

2. a school employee permits a student to carry and use an epinephrine delivery system because of the good faith that the conditions have been satisfied or

3. in instances in which a student is rightfully permitted to carry an epinephrine delivery system, the epinephrine is used by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

All immunities granted to schools under the sovereign immunity law or any other law apply.

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ORC 2305.23	Liability for emergency care
ORC 2305.231	Civil immunity for architects, contractors, engineers, surveyors, and tradespersons providing volunteer services
ORC 3313.64	Entitlement to attend school; district of attendance
ORC 3313.7112	Diabetes care
ORC 3313.7117	Individualized seizure action plans
ORC 3313.712	Emergency medical authorization
ORC 3313.713	District prescription drug distribution policy
ORC 3313.716	Possession and use metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms

ORC 3313.718	Possession and use of epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis
ORC 3314.03	Specifications of contract between sponsor and governing authority - specifications of comprehensive plan
ORC 3314.141	No civil liability for prohibition of use of autoinjector

Cross References

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EBC	Emergency Management and Safety Plans
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EF / EFB	Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
EFH	Food Allergies
JFCH / JFCI	Alcohol Use by Students/Student Drug Abuse
JHC	Student Health Services and Requirements