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Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

Students with asthma or anaphylaxis are afforded the opportunity to self-administer prescribed medications. The student's parent or guardian shall submit a written request and other documentation required by the school. The student's prescribing healthcare provider must provide a written treatment plan.

The student shall demonstrate competence to possess and self-administer prescribed medications during school and at school-sponsored events to the school's nurse.

The Superintendent is directed to establish procedures that implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. 280, Section 399

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Act

Chapter 462, Laws of 2005 Relating to the
Prevention,
diagnosis, and
treatment of
asthma.

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Students with asthma are authorized, in consultation with the school's nurse, to possess and self-administer medication for asthma or anaphylaxis during the school day, during school-sponsored events, or while traveling to and from school or school-sponsored activities. The student shall be authorized to possess and self-administer medication if the following conditions are met:

- The parent or guardian must complete the parent permission/release form for the student to self-administer medication(s) for asthma or anaphylaxis;
- A healthcare practitioner has prescribed the medication for use by the student during school hours and the student has received instructions in the correct and responsible way to use the medication(s);
- The student demonstrates to the healthcare practitioner and the school nurse the skills necessary to use the medication and to use the device required to administer the medication; and
- The healthcare practitioner provides a written treatment plan for managing the asthma or anaphylaxis episodes of the student and for use of medication during school hours. The written treatment plan should include name and dosage of the medication, frequency with which it may be administered, possible side effects and the circumstances that warrant its use.

The authorization to self-medicate will be valid for the current school year only. The parent or guardian must renew the authorization each school year.

In the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency, the district shall have the following readily accessible:

- The student's written treatment plan; and
- The parent or guardian's written request that the student self-medicate and signed release of liability form.

Back-up medication, if provided by the parent or guardian, shall be kept at a location in the school to which the student has access in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency.

A student's authorization to possess and self-administer medication for asthma or anaphylaxis may be limited or revoked by the building administrator after consultation with the school's nurse and the student's parents or guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication. Violations may result in imposition of discipline when appropriate.

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