

ADMINISTRATION OF STOCK EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

PURPOSE:

It is the District's policy to acquire, maintain and dispense to all schools within the District a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors ("EpiPen"). School nurses and assigned school personnel may administer a stock epinephrine auto-injector to a student that the school nurse or assigned school personnel in good faith believes is experiencing a severe allergic reaction on school grounds.

DEFINITIONS:

"Administer" or "administration" means the direct application of a stock epinephrine auto-injector.

"Assigned school personnel" means an employee, agent or volunteer of a school designated by the administrator of the school who has completed the training required under Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-316 to provide or administer stock epinephrine auto-injectors.

"Authorized health care provider" means an individual authorized by law to prescribe and administer prescription drugs in the course of professional practice;

"Provide" means the supply of one (1) or more stock epinephrine auto-injectors;

"Stock epinephrine" means injectable medications used for the treatment of severe, life-threatening allergies that schools or districts buy and keep on-site for emergency use.

POLICY:

The District will implement and maintain a plan consistent with Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-316 and Wyoming Department of Education Guidelines for the management of students with life threatening allergies. The plan will be available on the District's website.

District staff shall respond to life threatening allergies as detailed in a Protocol adopted by the Board.

This Policy applies to previously undiagnosed severe life-threatening allergic conditions. While no school nurse will knowingly let a student suffering from a serious allergic reaction go untreated, parents have the obligation to provide epinephrine for their child who has been diagnosed with a condition requiring the need. Students with known severe life-threatening allergies diagnosed by a health

care provider will have an Individual Health Plan (IHP). The District shall develop an individualized health care and/or allergy action plan for every student with a known life-threatening allergy. After a student experiences a previously undiagnosed allergic reaction, a care plan needs to be developed for that student.

The District may acquire any epinephrine auto-injector that is accepted and approved by the FDA.

I. Response Procedures/Protocol.

“Procedures for Responding to Life Threatening Allergies” shall be written and updated by the head district nurse, and ratified by the school board or its designee. This plan shall be posted on the District’s website.

The head nurse shall also develop a “Preventing Exposure to Allergens” protocol for the district and submit it to the board for ratification.

II. Education and Training.

The District shall provide education and training for school personnel on management of students with life threatening allergies consistent with Wyoming Department of Education Guidelines. Wyoming Department of Education approved programs include: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and the American Heart Association (AHA).

III. Record Keeping.

1. Students. Each school must keep a record of each incident that involves a life-threatening allergy or the administration of stock epinephrine auto-injectors. This record can be hardcopy or electronic.
2. Training Records. Each school must maintain a list of employees who have been assigned and trained to administer stock epinephrine auto-injectors. Assigned personnel must confirm training completion to their school nurse by signing and dating a training completion notice.

IV. Immunity.

Under Wyo. Stat. §21-4-316, schools and school personnel trained to administer available stock epinephrine auto-injectors shall not be liable (regarding actions that may constitute ordinary negligence) for damages for any injuries that result from:

1. Administration of an auto-injector.
2. Self-administration of an auto-injector.
3. A failure to administer the auto-injector.

As provided in Wyo. Stat. §21-4-316, the immunity extends to the:

1. District board.
2. School nurses.
3. Employees.
4. Agents and volunteers.
5. Authorized health care provider.
6. Individual entity that conducts training.

This immunity applies regardless of whether authorization was provided by the student's parent or guardian, or by the student's health care provider.

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School District #1, Sweetwater County, Wyoming