

The Ohio Association of School Nurses and the Ohio Department of Health Policy Template for:

Non-Individual Specific Epinephrine Autoinjector Policy (7/15/14)

As mandated by Section 3313.7110 of the Revised Code, this policy is intended to create a framework for accommodating individuals with undiagnosed life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis).

The district will obtain a prescriber-issued protocol specifying definitive orders for epinephrine autoinjector and dosages of epinephrine to be administered through them. This prescriber shall be a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

Procurement

The school district may procure epinephrine autoinjectors through purchase or may accept donations of epinephrine autoinjectors from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code. The district may accept donations of money to purchase epinephrine autoinjectors.

Location, Replacement and Disposal

Building level administration shall be responsible for identifying one or more locations in the school in which an epinephrine autoinjector must be stored. Epinephrine autoinjectors must be stored in a safe, secure, accessible, locked location in accordance with ORC 3313.713 that will allow for rapid, life-saving administration.

Epinephrine autoinjectors that have expired should be disposed of in a sharps container. Epinephrine autoinjectors that have been used should either be sent with emergency medical services or disposed of in a sharps container. Used and expired epinephrine autoinjectors shall be replaced in a reasonable time period.

Specifications of individuals who can provide a dosage of epinephrine to an individual in an emergency situation

Building level administration shall be responsible for identifying individuals employed by or under contract with the district board, in addition to the school nurse licensed under section 3319.221 of the Revised Code or an athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 4755 of the Revised Code, who may access and use an epinephrine autoinjector to provide a dosage of epinephrine to an individual in an emergency situation.

Identified individuals specified above, other than a school nurse or athletic trainer, must complete training based on protocol developed with the prescriber before being authorized to access and use an epinephrine autoinjector. Only trained personnel should administer an epinephrine autoinjector to a person believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. Emergency medical services must be requested immediately after an epinephrine autoinjector is used.

Usage

Identified and trained individuals may administer an epinephrine autoinjector to students, school employees or contractors, school visitors and other individuals in the school building in an emergency situation when a person exhibits signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis on school premises during the school day.

Reporting

The district will report each procurement of and occurrence in which an epinephrine autoinjector is used to the department of education per protocol.