

6.412 Non-Individual Specific Epinephrine Auto-injector

Pursuant to Section 3313.7110 of the Revised Code, this policy is intended to create a framework for accommodating individuals with life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) in emergency situations.

The Superintendent will obtain a prescriber-issued protocol specifying definitive orders for epinephrine auto-injectors 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 District may procure epinephrine auto-injectors through purchase or may accept donations of epinephrine auto injectors from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase epinephrine auto injectors.

Location, Replacement and Disposal

Building level administration, in consultation with the school nurse, shall be responsible for identifying the location in the school in which an epinephrine auto injector will be stored. Epinephrine auto injectors must be stored in a safe, secure, accessible, locked location in accordance with ORC 3313.713 and federal law that will allow for rapid, life-saving administration.

Epinephrine auto injectors that have expired should be disposed of in a sharps container. Epinephrine auto injectors that have been used should either be sent with emergency medical services or disposed of in a sharps container. Used and expired epinephrine auto injectors 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 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 auto injector 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 auto injector. Only trained personnel should administer an epinephrine auto injector to a person believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. Emergency medical services must be requested immediately after an epinephrine auto injector is used.

Usage

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

Reporting

The District will report each procurement and occurrence in which an epinephrine auto injector is used from the District's supply of epinephrine auto injectors to the department of education per protocol.

The Board and District employees are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death or loss to person or property if immunities granted to schools under the sovereign immunity law or any other law apply.