Morgan School District Anaphylaxis and Auto-Injector

Policy FDACE

The Morgan School District Board of Education recognizes anaphylaxis is a chronic, life-threatening condition. Students with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis who are prescribed epinephrine are strongly encouraged to self-carry and self-administer their medication, if appropriate. Students who are unable to self-carry and self-administer their medication should bring their epinephrine auto-injector (EAI) to school and follow the allergy and anaphylaxis emergency action plan (AAEAP) written by the school nurse, student's parent/guardian, and healthcare provider.

Under this policy, the school board shall allow the school to provide stock epinephrine to students with anaphylaxis in the event the student is experiencing an anaphylactic emergency and does not have access to their own EAI, as required in UCA 26- 41-103(5)(a).

Conditions for Administering Stock Epinephrine Persons experiencing an anaphylactic emergency whose personal EAI is temporarily unavailable may receive an emergency dose of school-stocked epinephrine. They do not need to have a previously diagnosed allergy.

The LEA, its employees, and agents, including authorized licensed prescribers providing the standing prescription of stock epinephrine auto-injectors are to incur no liability, with the exception of gross negligence, as a result of injury arising from the administration of stock epinephrine.

This policy should not be interpreted to relieve a student's parent or guardian of providing a student's medication or create an expectation that a school will have stock epinephrine available.

Administering and Storing Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors To administer and store the stock epinephrine follow these procedures:

- ✓ Only epinephrine auto-injectors shall be used in schools. Epinephrine administered via syringe and vial is not permitted except by parent/guardian or an EMS first responder.
- ✓ Any trained school staff may administer stock epinephrine. Each school may find volunteer school employees to administer the stock epinephrine when the nurse is not available. All who administer stock epinephrine, including the nurse and other designated personnel, are required to complete the appropriate training.
- ✓ The stock epinephrine shall be stored in an unlocked, but secure and easily accessible location known to the school nurse and all school staff designated to administer the stock epinephrine in case of the nurse's absence.

✓ Each school shall document each time the stock epinephrine is used, by which student, and make a note of parent/guardian notification.

Obtaining Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The stock epinephrine auto-injectors shall be prescribed by the school's medical director. A provider may prescribe stock epinephrine in the name of the Morgan School District to be maintained for use when deemed necessary based on the provisions of this section.

All stock epinephrine must be obtained from a licensed pharmacy or manufacturer. No epinephrine auto-injector devices can be accepted from private individuals. All expired medication shall be discarded in accordance with proper procedure.

Effective Date: This policy shall take effect in full on July 1, 2021.