

International Academy of Columbus (IAC) Use, Possession and Procurement of Epinephrine Auto Injectors

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

International Academy of Columbus will obtain a prescriber-issued protocol specifying definitive orders for epinephrine auto injector 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 Ohio Revised Code.

Procurement

The school 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 Ohio Revised Code. The district may accept donations of money to purchase epinephrine auto injectors.

Location, Replacement and Disposal

International Academy of Columbus administration shall be responsible for identifying one or more locations in the school in which an epinephrine auto injector must be stored. Epinephrine auto injectors 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 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

International Academy of Columbus administration shall be responsible for identifying individuals employed by or under contract with the school, in addition to the school nurse licensed under section 3319.221 of the Ohio 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, 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 when a person exhibits signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis on school premises during the school day.

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The student must have the written approval of the prescriber of the auto injector and the written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The prescriber's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:

- (a) The student's name and address;
- (b) The names and dose of the medication contained in the auto injector;

- (c) The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
- (d) The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
- (e) Acknowledgment that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the auto injector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the auto injector;
- (f) Circumstances in which the auto injector should be used;
- (g) Written instructions that outline procedures school employees should follow in the event that the student is unable to administer the anaphylaxis medication or the medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's anaphylaxis;
- (h) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the auto injector that should be reported to the prescriber;
- (i) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the auto injector is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;
- (j) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the prescriber in an emergency;
- (k) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;
- (l) Any other special instructions from the prescriber.

The school director and IAC administration must receive copies of the written approvals.

The school director and IAC administration must receive a backup dose of the anaphylaxis medication from the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student.

If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the auto injector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

Whenever a student uses an auto injector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant or whenever a school employee administers anaphylaxis medication to a student that was possessed by the student pursuant to the written approvals, a school employee must immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider.

All International Academy of Columbus employees are not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from an employee's prohibiting a student from using an auto injector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions stated above had not been satisfied.

All International Academy of Columbus employees are not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from an employee's permitting a student to use an auto injector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions stated above had been satisfied.

In circumstances that International Academy of Columbus is required to permit a student to possess and use an auto injector because the conditions stated above have been satisfied, International Academy of Columbus or any school employee is not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the auto injector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

Reporting

International Academy of Columbus will report each procurement of and occurrence in which an epinephrine auto injector is used to the Ohio Department of Education per protocol.

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