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5330.01 - **SELF-ADMINISTERED MEDICATION AND EPINEPHRINE USE**

A student shall be allowed to carry and self-administer medication, supplies, and equipment in accordance with State law based on a student's Medical Management Plan (MMP) developed and completed by the health care provider, as well as written parent consent. Forms to complete the Medical Management Plan will be made available by the District. A student may carry and self-administer a metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplement and/or may carry diabetic supplies and equipment to manage and care for his/her diabetes provided the student's parent provides the following:

- A. For self-administration of a metered dose inhaler, the parent must provide the District with an Authorization for Carrying Medication Form that requires a waiver of liability of the District signed and dated by a physician and a Medication Permission Form signed by the parent. The written approval by the physician must include the following:
 1. name of the medication in the metered dose inhaler;
 2. the prescribed dosage;
 3. the times or the special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered; and
 4. any other special related information regarding the administration of the metered dose inhaler.
- B. For self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, the parent or guardian must provide the District with an Authorization for Carrying Medication Form that requires a waiver of liability of the District signed and dated by a physician and a Medication Permission Form signed by the parent. The student may be permitted to self-administer an antihistamine if it has been approved by both a physician and is included as a component of the MMP. The written approval by the physician must include:
 1. the times or the special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered; and

2. any other special related information regarding the administration of the epinephrine auto-injected.
- C. For self-administration of prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements, the parent or guardian must provide the District with an Authorization for Carrying Medication Form that requires a waiver of liability of the District that is signed and dated by a physician and a Medication Permission Form signed by the parent and provide the prescription label containing the following:
1. name of the medication;
 2. the prescribed dosage;
 3. the times or the special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered; and
 4. any other special related information regarding the administration of the medication.
- D. For the use of a diabetic supplies and equipment, the parent or guardian must provide the District with an Authorization for Carrying Medication Form—that requires a waiver of liability of the District is signed and dated by a physician and a Medication Permission Form signed by the parent. The written authorization from the student's physician must contain the following:
1. an identification of the diabetic supplies and equipment the student is authorized to carry;
 2. a description of which activities the child is capable of performing without assistance;
 3. the times or the special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered;
 4. any other special related information regarding the administration of the medication.

The student must, at all times, carry and utilize medication approved under this policy in a safe and responsible manner. If the principal documents that the student refuses or is unable to carry or self-administer medication approved under this policy in a manner that is safe for students and staff at the school, then approval to self-administer the medication may be revoked.

When providing the District with written authorization that is signed and dated by both the parent or guardian and the physician as required by State law and this policy, that written authorization must also include indemnification by the parent or guardian of the District, county health department, public-private partner, and their employees and volunteers for any and all liability for a student who does any of the following:

- A. self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector;
- B. carries diabetic supplies and equipment on their person and attends to the management and care of their diabetes while in school, participating in school-sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities to the extent authorized by the parent and physician and within the parameters set forth by State Board of Education; or
- C. use prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements.

Emergency Allergy Treatment Educational Training Programs

Educational training programs in the District pertaining to emergency allergy treatment required by State law must be conducted by a nationally recognized organization experienced in training laypersons in emergency health treatment or an entity or individual approved by the Department of Health. The curriculum must include at a minimum:

- A. recognition of the symptoms of systemic reactions to food, insect stings, and other allergens; and
- B. the proper administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

Epinephrine Use and Supply

School principals may request and be granted permission by the Superintendent to purchase from a wholesale distributor, as defined in F.S. 499.003 and identified by the District's Director of Purchasing, and maintain in a locked, secure location on school premises a supply of epinephrine auto-injects for use if a student is having an anaphylactic reaction.

The Superintendent shall adopt a protocol developed by a licensed physician for the administration by school personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction and to administer an epinephrine auto-injection.

The supply of epinephrine auto-injectors may be provided to and used by a student authorized to self-administer epinephrine by auto-injector under F.S. 1000.20(3)(i)(1) or trained school personnel.

The Board and its employees and agents, including the physician who provides the standing protocol for school epinephrine auto-injectors, are not liable for any injury arising from the use of an epinephrine auto-injector administered by trained school personnel who follow the adopted protocol and whose professional opinion is that the student is having an anaphylactic reaction:

- A. unless the trained school personnel's action is willful and wanton;
- B. notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the student to whom the epinephrine is administered have not been provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging that the District is not liable; and
- C. regardless of whether authorization has been given by the student's parents or guardians or by the student's physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner.

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