

ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATIONS (AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE) CMSD Policy JGCDB (Epi-Pen) Effective 6-1-11

The safety and well being of students is of utmost importance to the Columbus Municipal School District school board members, administration, personnel, and staff.

Section I: REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

This school board shall permit the self-administration of anaphylaxis medications (auto-injectable epinephrine) by a student if:

- A. The prescription anaphylaxis medication has been prescribed for that student as indicated by the prescription label on the medication;
- B. The self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider;
- C. The student's parent or guardian provides written authorization to the school, signed by the parent or guardian, for self-administration while on school property, on school-provided transportation or while at a school-related event or activity;
- D. The student's parent or guardian provides a written statement, signed by the parent or guardian, in which the parent or guardian releases the school district, its employees and agents from liability for an injury arising from the student's self-administration of prescription anaphylaxis medication while on school property, on school-provided transportation or while at a school-related event or activity unless in cases of wanton or willful conduct;
- E. The student's parent or guardian provides a written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, signed by the physician or provider, stating the student has anaphylaxis and is capable of self-administering the prescription anaphylaxis medication. The statement shall also contain the following information:
 - 1) The name and purpose of the medications;
 - 2) The prescribed dosage;
 - 3) The times at which or circumstances under which the medication may be administered; and
 - 4) The period for which the medication is prescribed.

Section II: RECORD KEEPING

The statements required as listed above shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse of the school that the student attends or, if there is not a school nurse, in the office of the school administrator of the school the student attends.

Section III: RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The school district shall inform the parent or guardian of the student that the school and its employees and agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury sustained by the student from the self-administration of anaphylaxis medication except in cases of willful or wanton conduct. The parent or guardian of the student shall sign a statement as described in Section I.D. above signifying this release of liability.

Section IV: YEARLY RENEWAL

The permission for self-administration of medications shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the requirements as stated in this policy.

Section V: AUTHORIZED USE OF ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATIONS

Upon fulfilling the requirements as stated in this policy, a student with anaphylaxis may possess and use anaphylaxis (auto-injectable) medications in their discretion, so long as such use is in compliance with this policy, while on school property, on school provided transportation, or at a school-related activity or event.

Section VI: INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATIONS

If a student uses his or her medication in a manner other than as prescribed, he or she may be subject to disciplinary action as set out in school policy. The disciplinary action shall not limit or restrict the student's immediate access to his or her medication.

Section VII: RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE MEDICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a student to provide the anaphylaxis (auto-injectable epinephrine) medications for their child properly labeled in accordance with this policy, to insure that the child carries their anaphylaxis medications with them or has it nearby so that it can be quickly administered when called for by the circumstances, and to insure that their child, regardless of age, is appropriately instructed on the self-administration of the medication. If your child, due to age or other reason, is unable to properly self-administer their anaphylaxis medication, this information must be noted on the authorization signed by parent or guardian. Neither the Columbus Municipal School District, its agents, volunteers, employees nor Trustees, will be liable for insuring that the proper anaphylaxis medication is provided to your child, that your child keeps their medication readily available or that your child has been instructed on the proper self-administration of the anaphylaxis medication.

SOURCE: Columbus Municipal School District

LEGAL REF.: House Bill 1072, 2003 Mississippi Legislative Session
Senate Bill 2393, 2010 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session

CROSS REF.: Policies JGCD Student Health Service --Medicines
JGCD-R Administration of Prescription Medicines

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