**Standing Order for the Administration of School Supplied Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

**for Potentially Life-Threatening Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis) in Individuals Pursuant to**

**RCW 28A.210.383**

**ISSUED TO:**

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**Stock epinephrine can be administered in the school setting following district policy and procedure for the following two situations:**

1. **STANDING ORDER FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT A CURRENT EPINEPHRINE ORDER:**

If a student does not have a prescription for epinephrine on file in the school, then **only a school nurse** may administer the school supply of stock epinephrine per auto-injector in the event of a previously unknown life-threatening allergic reaction. Unlicensed school staff should immediately call 911.

1. **STANDING ORDER FOR STUDENTS WITH CURRENT EPINEPHRINE ORDER:**

For a student who **has** a prescription for epinephrine on file in the school, the care plan including the students licensed healthcare provider’s medication orders must be followed. In this situation **ANY** school nurse or designated school staff/Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) working within the Washington State school system may administer epinephrine using the school supply of stock epinephrine auto-injector in the event the student’s prescribed epinephrine auto-injector is not available. (The school’s supply of stock epinephrine does not negate parent/guardian responsibility to provide emergency medication).

**STANDING ORDER PROTOCOL**

**Emergency Treatment Procedures:** The following Standing Order Protocol will be utilized to manage anaphylactic reactions. In the event of a serious adverse allergic reaction, including anaphylaxis, demonstrated by a student presenting with:

* sudden onset of diffuse and progressive hives,
* respiratory distress,
* oral swelling,
* abdominal cramping,
* nausea/vomiting and or
* hypotension

**OR**

* if previously diagnosed student reports exposure to an allergen, the following shall be done:

**Epinephrine Administration:**

**Administer Epinephrine USP, 1 mg/mL, (1:1000) per** auto-injector**, intramuscularly into the antero-lateral aspect of the thigh (through clothing if necessary) according to the manufacturer’s recommendation.**

The **school nurse** will ask or estimate the student’s body weight and administer:

* **0.15 mg** epinephrine per auto-injector for body weight **less than 66 lbs.** (30 kg) or
* **0.3 mg** epinephrine per auto-injector for body weight **greater than 66 lbs.** (30 kg)*.*

The time of injection and the anatomical site of the injection will be noted and reported to emergency services personnel

**The School Nurse and UAP** will administer **Epinephrine by auto-injector** to students with diagnosed anaphylaxis:

1. per established Medication Authorization/Medication Orders and
2. follow the established student health plans
3. following district procedures for students with life threatening conditions.

**Activate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by calling 911,** and then contact student’s parent/guardian.

**Monitoring:**

1. Closely monitor the student until EMS arrives.
2. Perform CPR and maintain airway, if necessary.
3. Keep the student in a supine or recovery position unless he/she is having difficulty breathing or is vomiting.
4. If having difficulty breathing the student’s head may be elevated, provided blood pressure is adequate to prevent loss of consciousness.
5. The school nurse (if present) will monitor vital signs every 5 – 10 minutes until EMS arrives.

**Frequency of Epinephrine Administration:** If within 5-20minutes symptoms persist or are worsening, **repeat the same dose** of epinephrine as with first dose.

1. **If EMS is not on site, 911 is to be called and updated.**

**Emergency services personnel:**

Shall be advised of

* symptoms that required the use of epinephrine, dose of epinephrine,
* anatomical site of the injection, time administered,
* any change in the symptoms or condition of the student.
  + 1. The used epinephrine auto-injector(s) will be given to the emergency services personnel.

1. **Referral:** The student must be referred to a licensed health care provider for medical evaluation, even if symptoms resolve completely.
   1. Symptoms may recur after the Epinephrine wears off, as much as 24 hours later.
   2. The student without a previous prescription for Epinephrine on file must present a medication and/or treatment order from a licensed health care provider on or before their return date to school. ***RCW 28A.210.320 Children with life-threatening health conditions-Medication or treatment orders-Rules.***
2. **Documentation:**
   * 1. The school nurse or UAP will complete a written report detailing the name of the student, all of their observations, physical assessments, interventions (together with the results of such interventions), the number and dosage of epinephrine administrations, the anatomical injection sites, and times for each.
     2. The completed written report shall be signed and submitted to the health care provider signing this order and the student’s primary care health care provider, if known, within 48 hours.
     3. A copy of the report shall be kept with the student’s health file.
3. **Notification:** As soon as practical, the school shall notify the student’s licensed health care provider (if known) and the prescribing LHP who signed this order, of the anaphylactic reaction.

*Note: Epinephrine Auto-Injectors are available in 0.3mg dose and 0.15mg dose. Using two 0.15 doses to obtain 0.3mg dose is permissible.*

**In every case when epinephrine is administered, emergency medical services (EMS) must be activated!**

***EXPIRATION AND DISPOSAL OF UNUSED AUTO-INJECTORS:***

The school nurse shall check the expiration date located on the undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors monthly and obtain a new prescription for a replacement auto-injector prior to that expiration date.

School Staff shall dispose of an expired unused epinephrine auto-injector in a manner consistent with current school medication policies.

All stock epinephrine auto injectors will be receipted when received by a school.

1. Any Epinephrine used for a student from the stock supply, will be documented as to date of administration and disposal procedures per district standards.

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