

Sec. 10-212a-4. Self administration of medications

The Board of Education shall permit those students who have a verified chronic medical condition and are deemed capable to self-administer prescribed emergency medication, including rescue asthma inhalers and cartridge injectors for medically-diagnosed allergies, to self-administer such medication, and may permit such students to self-administer other medications, excluding controlled drugs as defined in Section 10-212a-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, provided:

(a) An authorized prescriber provides a written medication order including the recommendation for self-administration;

(b) a parent or guardian or eligible student provides written authorization for self-administration of medications;

(c) (1) the school nurse has assessed the student's competency for self-administration in the school setting and deemed it to be safe and appropriate including that a student:

(A) is capable of identifying and selecting the appropriate medication by size, color, amount, or other label identification;

(B) knows the frequency and time of day for which the medication is ordered;

(C) can identify the presenting symptoms that require medication;

(D) administers the medication appropriately;

(E) maintains safe control of the medication at all times;

(F) seeks adult supervision whenever warranted; and

(G) cooperates with the established medication plan.

(2) in the case of inhalers for asthma and cartridge injectors for medically-diagnosed allergies, the school nurse's review of a student's competency to self-administer inhalers for asthma and cartridge injectors for medically-diagnosed allergies in the school setting shall not be used to prevent a student from retaining and self-administering inhalers for asthma and cartridge injectors for medically-diagnosed allergies. Students may self-administer medication with only the written authorization of an authorized prescriber and written authorization from a student's parent or guardian or eligible student;

(d) the school nurse has:

(1) reviewed the medication order and parental authorization;

(2) developed an appropriate plan for self-administration, including provisions for general supervision; and

(3) documented the medication plan in the student's or participant's health record;

(e) the principal and appropriate staff are informed that the student is self-administering prescribed medication;

(f) such medication is transported by the student to the school and maintained under the student's control in accordance with the board of education's policy on self medication by students and the individual student plan; and

(g) self-administration of controlled medication, as defined in Section 10-212a-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may be considered for extraordinary situations, such as international field trips, and shall be approved by the school nurse supervisor and the school medical advisor in advance and an appropriate plan shall be developed.

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