

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Cathy Danyluk, Director of Student Services

Date: June 1, 2017

Re: Senate Enrolled Act 392 – Stock Emergency Medications (IC 20-34-4.5)

Background:

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation allowing all school corporations to stock three emergency medications beginning July 1, 2017. This legislation does not require schools to stock any of these emergency medications but leaves the decision to schools to determine.

Guidance:

The key components of this law are as follows:

1. Allows schools to stock any of the following emergency medications: albuterol, epinephrine, and/or naloxone
2. Allows a school to fill a prescription for an emergency medication if a licensed health care provider writes a prescription for the medication and the school stores the medication in a safe location where only school employees have access
3. Requires a pharmacy to dispense epinephrine that has at least a 12-month expiration date
4. Allows a school nurse (RN) to administer emergency stock medication(s) to students, school employees, or visitors
5. Allows a school employee to administer emergency stock medication(s) to students, school employees, or visitors if:
 - a. The school employee has voluntarily received training in recognizing a life-threatening emergency and the proper administration of the medication
 - b. The school employee was trained by a health care provider who is licensed or certified in Indiana, for whom the administration of the emergency medication is within the health care provider's scope of practice, who has received training in the administration of the medication, and who is knowledgeable in recognizing the symptoms of a life-threatening emergency and the administration of the emergency medication
6. Allows a licensed health care provider to write a prescription, drug order or protocol for an emergency medication for the school
7. Allows a pharmacist to dispense the emergency medication

8. Provides civil liability protection for a school nurse or school employee who administers an emergency medication in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and the training requirements listed above
9. Provides civil liability protection for a health care provider who writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol for the school
10. Provides civil liability protection for the health care provider who provides training to school employees
11. Requires the Indiana Department of Education to develop guidance materials for each emergency medication
12. Requires a school employee or school nurse to submit a report to the Indiana Department of Education within 10 days of administering a stock emergency medication

Further information regarding this law, guidance materials and resources for each of these medications can be found on the [IDOE Health Webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Bracale, MSN, RN at (317) 232-0541 or jbracale@doe.in.gov.