

72-8252. Policies to allow student to self-administer certain medications. [See Revisor's Note] (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Medication" means a medicine prescribed by a health care provider for the treatment of anaphylaxis or asthma including, but not limited to, any medicine defined in section 201 of the federal food, drug and cosmetic act, inhaled bronchodilators and auto-injectible epinephrine.

(2) "Health care provider" means: (A) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; (B) an advanced practice registered nurse issued a license pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto, who has authority to prescribe drugs as provided by K.S.A. 65-1130, and amendments thereto; or (C) a physician assistant licensed pursuant to the physician assistant licensure act who has authority to prescribe drugs pursuant to a written protocol with a responsible physician under K.S.A. 65-28a08, and amendments thereto.

(3) "School" means any public or accredited nonpublic school.

(4) "Self-administration" means a student's discretionary use of such student's medication pursuant to a prescription or written direction from a health care provider.

(b) Each school district shall adopt a policy authorizing the self-administration of medication by students enrolled in kindergarten or any of the grades 1 through 12. A student shall meet all requirements of a policy adopted pursuant to this subsection. Such policy shall include:

(1) A requirement of a written statement from the student's health care provider stating the name and purpose of the medication; the prescribed dosage; the time the medication is to be regularly administered, and any additional special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered; and the length of time for which the medication is prescribed;

(2) a requirement that the student has demonstrated to the health care provider or such provider's designee and the school nurse or such nurse's designee the skill level necessary to use the medication and any device that is necessary to administer such medication as prescribed. If there is no school nurse, the school shall designate a person for the purposes of this subsection;

(3) a requirement that the health care provider has prepared a written treatment plan for managing asthma or anaphylaxis episodes of the student and for medication use by the student during school hours;

(4) a requirement that the student's parent or guardian has completed and submitted to the school any written documentation required by the school, including the treatment plan prepared as required by paragraph (3) and documents related to liability;

(5) a requirement that all teachers responsible for the student's supervision shall be notified that permission to carry medications and self-medicate has been granted; and

(6) any other requirement imposed by the school district pursuant to this section and subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-8205, and amendments thereto.

(c) A school district shall require annual renewal of parental authorization for the self-administration of medication.

(d) A school district, and its officers, employees and agents, which authorizes the self-administration of medication in compliance with the provisions of this section shall not be held liable in any action for damage, injury or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication.

(e) A school district shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian of a student that the school district and its officers, employees and agents are not liable for damage, injury or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication. The parent or guardian of the student shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school district and its officers, employees or agents incur no liability for damage, injury or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication and agreeing to release, indemnify and hold the school and its officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any claims relating to the self-administration of such medication.

(f) A school district shall require that any back-up medication provided by the student's parent or guardian be kept at the student's school in a location to which the student has immediate access in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency.

(g) A school district shall require that information described in paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b) be kept on file at the student's school in a location easily accessible in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency.

(h) An authorization granted pursuant to subsection (b) shall allow a student to possess and use such student's medication at any place where a student is subject to the jurisdiction or supervision of the school district or its officers, employees or agents.

(i) A board of education may adopt a policy pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-8205, and amendments thereto, which:

(1) Imposes requirements relating to the self-administration of medication which are in addition to those required by this section; and

(2) establishes a procedure for, and the conditions under which, the authorization for the self-administration of medication may be revoked.

History: L. 2004, ch. 124, § 5; L. 2005, ch. 136, § 1; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 69; Jan. 1, 2012.

CAUTION: Section was amended effective July 1, 2015, see L. 2014, ch. 131, § 54.