

State law in 2013, House Bill 2085, and subsequent Arizona School Board of Education ruling now make it possible for public and charter schools to administer emergency auto-injectable Epinephrine.

The Emergency Administration of Auto-Injectable Epinephrine regulation, pursuant to ARS 15-157, includes the following provisions:

- Participating schools are required to have a standing order for the use of epinephrine
- Persons who issue the standing order or employees of schools are immune from civil liability
- Schools are allowed to accept monetary donations or grants for the purchase of auto-injectable epinephrine

Did you know?

- MCDPH will be providing standing orders for participating schools
- Every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room (www.foodallergy.org)
- 25 % of anaphylaxis reactions at school occur in students previously undiagnosed with a severe allergy to food, insect venom, latex or medication (www.foodallergy.org)
- One child in each classroom is likely to have a food allergy (CDC, 2013)
- Prompt injection of epinephrine within minutes of the onset of anaphylaxis symptoms is crucial to successfully treating an anaphylactic reaction (www.foodallergy.org)

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Q: How can my school participate in the Maricopa County Stock Epinephrine Program?

A: Your school will need to enroll in the MCDPH School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP) web application. After completing and submitting each of the requirements your school can obtain and receive annual standing orders and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.

Enroll your school @ <https://ssmp.maricopa.gov/>

Q: What is the School Surveillance & Medication Program (SSMP)?

A: It is a MCDPH web application that will guide you through the necessary requirements to obtain standing orders for stock auto-injectable epinephrine.

Q: My school is interested in implementing but cost is an issue. Is there funding available for schools?

A: While there is not a general funding source for schools, we encourage you to apply for grants, contact the pharmaceutical companies, providers, coalitions, local pharmacies, and your school's PTA who may have programs or resources available.

Q: Who provides the training of designated school personnel to administer stock epinephrine?

A: The annual training to school staff of emergency administration of epinephrine and recognizing anaphylaxis should be conducted by a regulated health care professional. These regulated health care professions would include but are not limited to a licensed school nurse, a certified emergency medical technician, or a licensed athletic trainer. ADHS provides guidelines for this training.

<http://www.azdhs.gov/documents/audiences/schools/adhs-epinephrine-presentation-for-schools.pptx>

Q: Where will I get a standing order for the stock epinephrine?

A: After enrolling in the SSMP and following all requirements, schools can obtain a standing order and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.

Q: Who can use the stock auto-injectable epinephrine?

A: Any individual who presents with anaphylaxis may be administered the auto-injectable epinephrine by a trained school staff member.