

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
September 13, 2016**

**SUBJECT:**

Changes to Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines – Final Reading

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 53-63-95(C)(3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that school district governing authorities may authorize school nurses and other designated personnel to “administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student or other individual on school premises whom the school nurse or other designated school personnel believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, in accordance with a standing protocol of a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe medication pursuant to Section 40-33-34, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe medication pursuant to Sections 40-47-955 through 40-47-965, regardless of whether the student or other individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.”

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

Mylan, the manufacturer of the EpiPen epinephrine auto-injector, is providing EpiPens to schools free of charge as part of its *EpiPens 4 Schools* program. If the *EpiPens 4 Schools* program is discontinued schools could return to the current practice of stocking vials of epinephrine and syringes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the proposed changes on final reading

**ATTACHMENT:**

Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines

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## ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES

Code **JLCD** Issued **8/14**

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Purpose: To establish structure for assisting students with medications in a school setting.

When possible, medications should be given by parents/legal guardians before or after school hours. Any prescription medication to be given at school or school related activities must be accompanied by written orders from a healthcare practitioner who is recognized by South Carolina's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation as authorized to prescribe medications. Over the counter medications will not require a written order from the healthcare practitioner. A written order from the healthcare practitioner will be required for herbal/alternative medicinal products and over the counter medication doses that are different than the directions as stated on the original label.

The school nurse will train unlicensed school personnel to assist with routine medications. If the nurse is absent, the school does not have a full time nurse assigned or the nurse is not present in the health office because of other duties or assignments the principal or his/her designee is responsible for assisting students with medications.

Medications must be brought to the school by a responsible adult and delivered to the school nurse, or, in the absence of the nurse, to the school employee designated by the principal. The responsible adult delivering medication to the school may be required to count and sign in medication with the nurse or designated employee.

Eligible students may be allowed to self-monitor and self-medicate unless there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medication would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others. The decision to allow the recommendation of the student's healthcare practitioner will be determined by the school team comprised of the parent/legal guardian, school nurse, physician and the school administrator. The registered nurse will write an individual healthcare plan which meets the needs of students for health monitoring and care during the school day or at school sponsored events.

Unlicensed school employees may be trained by the school nurse to provide emergency medication to students with an identified chronic health condition.

Schools may stock epinephrine auto-injectors to be administered to a student or other individual on school premises whom the school nurse or other designated school personnel believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis in accordance with the district's standing protocol, as allowed by the Safe Access to Vital Epinephrine (SAVE) Act.

Schools will comply with state law regarding prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules II through IV and administrative rule JLCD-R.

Adopted 2/8/00; Revised 4/23/02, 6/27/06, 8/12/14

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 40-33-70 - Amends law relating to on-site supervision of a nurse.
  2. Sections 59-63-80 and 90 - Policy for individual healthcare plan for certain students.
  3. Section 15-78-60 - Immunity from liability for districts and employees.
  4. Section 44-53-360 - Prescriptions.
  5. Section 59-63-95 - Safe Access to Vital Epinephrine (SAVE) Act