

VAISEF MEMORANDUM & GUIDANCE

REQUIREMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF EPIPENS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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At the VAISEF Semi-Annual Membership Meeting this past Friday, we were informed by Carolyn Hodgins and VDOE that licensed private schools for students with disabilities that serve publicly placed students are required to maintain EpiPens for emergency use.

For schools with students under 66 lbs., you are required to have (2) single dose 0.15 mg epinephrine auto injectors. For schools with students over 66 lbs., you will need (4) single dose 0.3 mg epinephrine auto injectors. If you have students falling in both age ranges, your school will be responsible for carrying both corresponding dosage sets. This will meet the requirement for non-student specific epinephrine for the school.

If you are in need of help obtaining a physician's order (standing prescription), there are several options available. If your school has an existing relationship with a practitioner, it is recommended that you approach them first. Directors of the local health departments are another option, but their willingness to do so may vary from health district to district. Finally, The Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP-VA) has offered to put schools and local practitioners in touch with one another. If you need assistance, please contact Matthew in the VAISEF office and he will put you in touch with the appropriate representative of the AAP-VA.

Also at the meeting, it was reported that an organization from California is willing to provide the EpiPens at zero cost for providers. Attached is the document that would be used in acquiring them. Thanks to Barret Stump from the Lafayette School and Treatment Center for sharing this document with our members.

If you are in need of additional information or resources on the use of epinephrine in emergency situations, please visit the following link:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/anaphylaxis_epinephrine/index.shtml

Reminder - this is for the non-student specific epinephrine required to be on facility grounds at all times. Additional epinephrine should be made available for any off site activities. You should also maintain student-specific medical orders and student-specific epinephrine on site.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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