

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 207, 305 and 921 and Chapter 424 of the Laws of 2014

Section 136.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is added, effective April 1, 2015, as follows:

§136.6 Authorized Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) Epinephrine auto-injector means an automated injection delivery device, approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, for injecting a measured dose of the drug epinephrine.

(2) Trained school personnel means any person employed by a school district, board of cooperative educational services, county vocational education and extension board, charter school or non-public elementary and secondary school, including but not limited to, health professionals who have successfully completed a training course in the use of epinephrine auto-injector devices approved by the Department of Health pursuant to Public Health Law section 3000-c.

(3) Collaborative agreement means a written agreement with an emergency health care provider pursuant to Public Health Law section 3000-c that incorporates written practice protocols, and policies and procedures that shall ensure compliance with the provisions of Public Health Law section 3000-c.

(4) Emergency health care provider means: (i) a physician with knowledge and experience in the delivery of emergency care; or (ii) a hospital licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law that provides emergency care.

(5) Regional Council means a regional emergency medical services council established pursuant to Public Health Law section 3003.

(6) Instructional school facility means a building or other facility maintained by a school district, board of cooperative educational services, a county vocational education and extension board, charter school, or non-public elementary and secondary school where instruction is provided to students pursuant to its curriculum.

(b) Each school district, board of cooperative educational services, county vocational education and extension board, charter school, and non-public elementary and secondary school may provide and maintain on-site in each instructional school facility epinephrine auto-injectors for use during emergencies in accordance with Public Health Law section 3000-c. Each such facility shall have sufficient epinephrine auto-injectors available to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies to any student or staff having symptoms of anaphylaxis whether or not there is a previous history of severe allergic reaction. In determining the quantity and placement of epinephrine auto-injectors in collaboration with the emergency health care provider, consideration shall be given to:

(1) the number of students, staff and other individuals that are customarily or reasonably anticipated to be within such facility; and

(2) the physical layout of the facility, including but not limited to:

(i) location of stairways and elevators;

(ii) number of floors in the facility;

(iii) location of classrooms and other areas of the facility where large congregations of individuals may occur; and

(iv) any other unique design features of the facility.

(c) The school district, board of cooperative educational services, county vocational education and extension board, charter school, or non-public elementary and secondary school shall file a copy of the collaborative agreement with the appropriate Regional Council. Trained school personnel shall not administer an epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with Public Health Law 3000-c prior to the filing of the collaborative agreement with the Regional Council.

(d) In the event of an emergency, trained school personnel may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student or school personnel having symptoms of anaphylaxis in an instructional school facility, whether or not there is a previous history of severe allergic reaction pursuant to Public Health Law section 3000-c.

(e) Every use of an epinephrine auto-injector device pursuant to this section and Public Health Law section 3000-c shall immediately be reported to the emergency health care provider.