

STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Board of Education recognizes the need to provide all students with appropriate educational programs in the least restrictive setting and with reasonably adequate accommodations of their medical needs, including those with significant or even life-threatening medical conditions. This policy encompasses any physician documented serious medical condition, such as, but not limited to, life-threatening allergies, and acute or chronic serious diseases or medical conditions.

Students, parents, home district personnel, Chittenango Central School District staff and health care providers must all work together to provide the necessary information and training to allow children with chronic health problems to participate as fully and safely as possible in the school experience.

In accordance with state and federal laws governing the rights of students with special medical needs, the Chittenango Central School District will take reasonable measures to ensure the health and safety of all students including children with significant or life-threatening conditions. These measures may include but are not limited to:

1. Establish a communication plan for intake and dissemination of information regarding children with life-threatening conditions;
2. Develop an individual health care plan that includes all necessary treatments, medications, training and educational requirements for the student. If the student is eligible for accommodations based upon the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, the appropriate procedures will be followed regarding evaluations and identification;
3. Secure written parental permission and discuss parental responsibility that includes providing the health care provider's written orders, providing any necessary equipment, and participation in the education and co-management of the child as he/she works toward self-management;
4. Obtain appropriate health care provider authorization in writing, i.e., standing emergency medical protocols, that includes the frequency and conditions for any testing and/or treatment; symptoms and treatment of any conditions associated with the health problem; and directions for emergencies;
5. Develop strategies for the reduction of risk of exposure to causative agents of life-threatening reactions;
6. Establish and maintain continuing communication with parents of students with life-threatening medical conditions regarding all relevant aspects of the student's condition, program and needs;

7. Request the Chittenango Central School District's physician to write a non-patient specific order for anaphylaxis treatment agents for the Chittenango Central School District registered professional nurses to administer in the event of an unanticipated anaphylactic episode; and
8. Maintain stock supplies of epinephrine auto injectors, i.e., Epi-Pens, as allowed by the laws of New York State, in all health offices for use in first-time emergencies.

Medication Self-Management

Chittenango Central School District will work toward assisting students in the self-management of their chronic health condition based upon the student's knowledge level and skill by:

1. Adequately training all staff involved in the care of the child;
2. Assuring the availability of the necessary equipment and/or medications;
3. Providing appropriately trained licensed persons as required by law;
4. When possible, making appropriately trained adult volunteers to complete delegated tasks as allowed by law;
5. Developing an emergency plan for the student; and
6. Providing ongoing staff and student education.

Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices (Epi-Pens) in the School Setting

Students with Known and Diagnosed Allergies

The administration of epinephrine by epi-pen to a student with a known severe allergy needing an anaphylactic treatment agent may be performed by a school staff member responding to an emergency situation when such use has been prescribed by a licensed prescriber. However, a Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner must have trained the staff member to administer the epi-pen and given him/her approval to assist the student in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.

Documentation of training must be maintained in the Anaphylaxis Protocol for Non-Licensed School Staff Members for each affected student.

When the child is self-directed to carry and administer an epi-pen, that student may carry his or her epi-pen. The decision about whether the student is 'self-directed' is made jointly by the student's physician, parental guardians and the school nurse.

Students with Unknown or Undiagnosed Allergies

Non-patient specific orders issued by the Chittenango Central School District physician consultant may be used to administer anaphylactic treatment, i.e., epinephrine by epi-pen, in situations where students with a previously unknown or undiagnosed allergy exhibit severe allergic reaction. Administration may only be performed by the school nurse, registered nurse or higher level of training, in accordance with the non-patient specific orders and associated nursing guidelines. At no time shall unlicensed, non-medical staff, administer epinephrine to a student with an undiagnosed condition, i.e., without a specific prescription and standing orders from the student's physician.

Opioid Overdose Prevention

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of its students and staff, the Chittenango Central School District will maintain and administer an opioid antagonist in its schools, specifically, Naloxone, otherwise known by its brand name Narcan, for use during emergencies to any student or staff member experiencing a known or suspected opioid overdose regardless of a previous history of opioid abuse.

As permitted by New York State law, the Chittenango Central School District's consulting physician has issued a non-patient specific order to permit the school nurse to administer Naloxone on-site. The physician's orders specify instructions and the route of administration for Naloxone. The consulting physician will oversee school nurse training as required. The consulting physician, in collaboration with the Chittenango Central School District administration, will acquire and provide Naloxone to the Chittenango Central School District for use in its schools. The consulting physician will assist the Chittenango Central School District to re-order Naloxone in the event it is administered or to replace existing stock as needed.

The Chittenango Central School District will maintain a supply of Naloxone in a secure location at the following sites: Chittenango High School, Chittenango Middle School, Bolivar Road Elementary School and Bridgeport Elementary School. The school nurse will maintain custody and inventory of the Naloxone.

The administration of Naloxone to any student will be documented in his/her cumulative health record.

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