Access to Epinephrine Auto Injectors in Schools

State of Illinois law (Illinois Public Act 97-0361) now allows schools to maintain a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors. Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103 has developed policy and procedure to allow the emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors in the following circumstances:

1. administration to a student who has an unknown allergy and is having a first-time anaphylactic reaction at school

2. administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to a student with a known allergy

3. self-administration by a student with a known allergy who has forgotten his or her auto-injector or it is otherwise unavailable

The supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors is designed to be used in the event of an anaphylactic reaction in an individual not diagnosed with an allergy, and therefore does not have an epinephrine prescription on file at school. The supply of emergency epinephrine allowed under this Act is not intended to replace epinephrine prescribed to students with known allergies. A school nurse may administer an epinephrine auto injector to any student suffering from anaphylaxis, whether or not the student has been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy

Ensuring the safety of all our students is our top priority. The availability of epinephrine auto-injectors is an additional precaution the district is taking should someone experience an anaphylactic reaction while at school. If you have questions regarding the use of epinephrine auto-injectors at school, please contact your school’s nurse or principal.

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