

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND STATE BOARD OF NURSING RULES GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSULIN, GLUCAGON, AND MEDICATION FOR ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY OR ADRENAL CRISIS TO ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

These rules currently set forth protocols and procedures for the administration of insulin and glucagon to public school students. The amendment is necessary to incorporate Act 1050 of 2021, which authorizes the administration of medication for adrenal insufficiency or crisis. The Act allows for student self-administration of a “stress dose” (i.e., oral hydrocortisone), as well as administration of an “emergency dose” (i.e., intramuscular hydrocortisone sodium succinate) by trained volunteer school district personnel when a school nurse is not available. The Act also immunizes school districts from liability as a result of medication through self-administration or by trained school district volunteers; requires that a parent, guardian, or person acting *in loco parentis* authorize the medication administration in writing; and that the written authorization be incorporated into the student’s Individualized Healthcare Plan. Other amendments are technical and clerical.

Post-Public Comment

As a result of public comment, the definition of “glucagon” was changed (to remove the word “injectable”) to recognize that glucagon may be administered in a non-injectable manner. Sections 4.11 and 6.01.5 were amended for the same reason. Other technical corrections were made.