

## Students

### Administering Medicines to Students<sup>1</sup>

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed *School Medication Authorization Form (SMA Form)* is submitted by the student's parent/guardian.

No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.<sup>2</sup>

### Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess and self-administer an epinephrine injector, e.g., EpiPen®, and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has

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<sup>1</sup> All boards must have a policy for administering medication. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b. State law prohibits school boards from requiring that teachers and other non-administrative school employees administer medication to students; exceptions are certificated school nurses and non-certificated registered professional nurses. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, amended by P.A. 101-205. For a sample medication authorization form, see 7:270-E1, *School Medication Authorization Form*.

Separate from this policy, boards must also adopt a policy that addresses the prevention of anaphylaxis and a district's response to medical emergencies resulting from anaphylaxis. See sample policy 7:285, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, and its accompanying administrative procedure, 7:285-AP, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, for more information. Due to the structure of the School Code and the IASB Policy Reference Manual, policy 7:285, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, does not address the administration of epinephrine and instead refers to this policy 7:270, *Administering Medicine to Students*.

<sup>2</sup> Each district must inform students, e.g., through homeroom discussion or loudspeaker announcement, about, and distribute to their parents/guardians, the district's policy, guidelines, and forms on administering medicines within 15 days after the beginning of each school year, or within 15 days after starting classes for a student who transfers into the district. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b. A comprehensive student handbook can provide notice to parents and students of the school's rules, extracurricular and athletic participation requirements, and other important information. The handbook can be developed by the building principal, but should be reviewed and approved by the superintendent and board. The Illinois Principals Association maintains a handbook service that coordinates with PRESS material, *Online Model Student Handbook (MSH)*, at: [www.ilprincipals.org/resources/model-student-handbook](http://www.ilprincipals.org/resources/model-student-handbook).

completed and signed an *SMA Form*.<sup>3</sup> The Superintendent or designee will ensure an Emergency Action Plan is developed for each self-administering student.<sup>4</sup>

A student may self-administer medication required under a *qualifying plan*, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed an *SMA Form*.<sup>5</sup> A *qualifying plan* means: (1) an asthma action plan, (2) an Individual Health Care Action Plan, (3) an Ill. Food Allergy Emergency Action Plan and Treatment Authorization Form, (4) a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or (5) a plan pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication, including asthma medication or epinephrine injectors, or medication required under a *qualifying plan*.<sup>6</sup> A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the District and its employees and agents, against any claims,

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<sup>3</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413, requires school districts to allow students to *self-administer* their prescribed asthma medication and an epinephrine injector as described. *Self-carry* means a student's ability to carry his or her prescribed asthma medication or epinephrine injector. *Self-administer* and *self-administration* mean that a student may use these two medications at his or her discretion: (1) while in school; (2) while at a school sponsored activity; (3) while under the supervision of school personnel; or (4) before or after normal school activities, such as while in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property.

<sup>4</sup> 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b(d), added by P.A. 101-205. The plan must address actions to be taken if the student is unable to self-administer medication and the situations in which the school must call 911. *Id.* For plan guidance, see 7:270-AP1, *Dispensing Medication*.

<sup>5</sup> 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, amended by P.A. 101-205. A student with an asthma action plan, an Individual Health Care Action Plan, an *Illinois Food Allergy Emergency Action Plan and Treatment Authorization Form (Ill. EAP Form)*, a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or a plan pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act may self-administer medication if the student's parent/guardian provides the school with: (1) written permission for the student's self-administration of medication, (2) written authorization from the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for the student to self-administer the medication, and (3) the prescription label containing the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage, and the time(s) or circumstances under which the medication is to be administered. *Id.* At 5/10-22.21(c), added by P.A. 101-205. This does not allow a student to self-carry unless otherwise permitted. Contact the board attorney for further guidance.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.149, repealed and replaced by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.182, added by P.A. 102-413, led ISBE to retire the 2010 publication, *Procedures for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Schools*, which included the *Ill. EAP Form* in an appendix. ISBE replaced the 2010 publication with the *Anaphylaxis Response Policy (2022)*, which does not include or refer to the now-retired *Ill. EAP Form*. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, 5/22-30(b-5), and 5/22-30(b-10) have not been amended to remove or replace the *Ill. EAP Form* reference. It is unknown if that form will continue to be accessible on the ISBE website. See 7:285-AP, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, f/n 1, for more information, and consult the board attorney for guidance on the continued use of the *Ill. EAP Form* or use of another form to document the emergency action plan for a student at risk for anaphylaxis.

<sup>6</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413 (asthma medication and epinephrine injectors) and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, amended by P.A. 101-205 (medications required by a plan listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b(c), added by P.A. 101-205). 105 ILCS 5/22-30(c) requires this information to be in a notification to parents/guardians. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, amended by P.A. 101-205, does not specifically require this information to be in a notification to parents/guardians. However, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b requires parents/guardians to sign a statement that includes the district's protections from liability under 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b; the signed acknowledgment (see f/n 7) is the notice. This policy includes the liability protection information under 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b to also inform the community.

The storage of medication is not addressed in the applicable statutes and may not be covered as part of the district's protections from liability and hold harmless provisions. Contact the board attorney and the board's liability insurance carrier for further discussion about the district's liability and coverage in this area.

except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine injector, asthma medication, and/or a medication required under a qualifying plan. <sup>7</sup>

### School District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication <sup>8</sup>

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated asthma medication in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated asthma medication* means an asthma medication prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law,<sup>9</sup> may administer an undesignated asthma medication to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having *respiratory distress*. Respiratory distress may be characterized as *mild-to-moderate* or *severe*.<sup>10</sup> Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law. <sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30(c) and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, amended by P.A. 101-205. Both statutes require parents/guardians to sign a statement: (1) acknowledging the statement from f/n 6above; and (2) that they must indemnify and hold harmless the school district and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of the self-administration of medication by the student. There are several methods to obtain a parent/guardian's signature for this purpose, e.g., receipt of handbook signature, or see 7:270-E1, *School Medication Authorization Form*. Discuss with the board attorney the method that works best for the district.

<sup>8</sup> Optional. A school board must ensure that it does not adopt this section into the policy unless it is prepared to implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413. The law permits a district to maintain a supply of undesignated asthma medication in any secure location that is accessible before, during, and after school where a person is most at risk, including, but not limited to a classroom or the nurse's office, and use them when necessary. The P.A. 100-726 amendment requiring accessibility before, during, and after school did not address the logistical issues that classrooms are typically locked before and after school. Consult the board attorney about implementation issues with this phrase in the law.

Consult the board attorney about the consequences of informing the community that the district will obtain a prescription for a supply of undesignated asthma medication, implement a plan for its use, and then not doing it, as doing so may be fraught with legal liabilities. Also fraught with legal liabilities is when the district provides them, but does not have them accessible before, during, and after school where an asthmatic person is most at risk as required by 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413. See *In re Estate of Stewart*, 406 Ill.Dec. 345 (2nd Dist. 2016)(denying tort immunity to district, finding its response to a student's asthma attack was *willful and wanton* (which district disputed as a possible heart attack)) and *In re Estate of Stewart*, 412 Ill.Dec. 914 (Ill. 2017)(school district's appeal denied).

The superintendent is given broad authority to implement this section; however, several preliminary steps should occur with the assistance of the board attorney. They include, but are not limited to: (1) investigating the feasibility of obtaining a prescription for a supply of undesignated asthma medication in the name of the district or one of its schools, and (2) outlining the advantages and disadvantages of implementing this plan based upon each district's individual resources and circumstances, and student population's needs.

<sup>9</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30(a) defines *trained personnel* as any school employee or volunteer personnel authorized in Sections 10-22.34, 10-22.34a, and 10-22.34b of the School Code who has completed training required by 105 ILCS 5/22-30(g), to recognize and respond to anaphylaxis, an opioid overdose, or respiratory distress. 105 ILCS 5/22-30(a).

The Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) must develop the training curriculum for trained personnel, and it may be conducted online or in person. *Id.* at (h), amended by P.A. 102-413, and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(e)(3). 105 ILCS 5/22-30(h-5), 5/22-30(h), amended by P.A. 102-413, and 5/22-30(h-10), and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(e) list the training curriculum requirements to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, an allergic reaction, including anaphylaxis, and respiratory distress, respectively. See training resources, at: [www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nursing.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nursing.aspx).

<sup>10</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30(a). *Respiratory distress* means the perceived or actual presence of wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, breathing difficulty, or any other symptoms consistent with asthma. *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at (g); 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(e)(9) and (10).

## School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors <sup>12</sup>

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated epinephrine injector* means an epinephrine injector prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law,<sup>13</sup> may administer an undesignated epinephrine injector to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an anaphylactic reaction. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law. <sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Optional. If the board adopts this subhead, the use of undesignated epinephrine injectors must align with its anaphylaxis prevention, response, and management policy. See sample policy 7:285, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, at f/n 7, and its administrative procedure, 7:285-AP, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, at f/ns 4, 5, and 6. If the district does not maintain an undesignated supply of epinephrine, ensure that policy 7:285 and 7:285-AP do not state that it does maintain such a supply.

A school board must ensure that it does not adopt this section into the policy unless it is prepared to implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413. The law permits a district to maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors in any secure location that is accessible before, during, and after school where an allergic person is most at risk, including, but not limited to, classrooms and lunchrooms, and use them when necessary. 105 ILCS 5/22-30 requires accessibility before, during, and after school does not address the logistical issues that classrooms are typically locked before and after school. Consult the board attorney about the implementation issues with this new phrase in the law.

Consult the board attorney about the consequences of informing the community that the district will obtain a prescription for a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors, and implement a plan for their use, and then not doing it, as doing so may be fraught with legal liabilities. Also fraught with legal liabilities is if the district provides them, but does not have them accessible before, during, and after school where an allergic person is most at risk as required by 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413. See *In re Estate of Stewart*, 406 Ill.Dec. 345 (2nd Dist. 2016)(denying tort immunity to district, finding its response to a student's asthma attack was *willful and wanton* (which district disputed as a possible heart attack)); *In re Estate of Stewart*, 412 Ill.Dec. 914 (Ill. 2017)(school district's appeal denied).

The superintendent is given broad authority to implement this section; however, several preliminary steps should occur with the assistance of the board attorney. They include, but are not limited to: (1) investigating the feasibility of obtaining a prescription for a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors in the name of the district or one of its schools, and (2) outlining the advantages and disadvantages of implementing this plan based upon each district's individual resources and circumstances, and student population's needs.

<sup>13</sup> See the discussion regarding *trained personnel*, in f/n 9, above.

<sup>14</sup> See f/n 11, above.

## School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists <sup>15</sup>

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated opioid antagonists in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Opioid antagonist* means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. *Undesignated opioid antagonist* is not defined by the School Code; for purposes of this policy it means an opioid antagonist prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel,<sup>16</sup> as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated opioid antagonist to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an opioid overdose. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.<sup>17</sup> See the website for the Ill. Dept. of Human Services for information about opioid prevention, abuse, public awareness, and a toll-free number to provide information and referral services for persons with questions concerning substance abuse treatment. <sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Optional. If the board chooses to implement an undesignated opioid antagonist program, and the district employs law enforcement, consult the board attorney about whether this subhead becomes required. See Substance Use Disorder Act, 20 ILCS 301/.

For boards that choose to implement an undesignated opioid antagonists program, consult the board attorney regarding the Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. §7101(b)). It prohibits funds provided under it to be used for medical services or drug treatment or rehabilitation, except for integrated student supports, specialized instructional support services, or referral to treatment for impacted students, which may include students who are victims of, or witnesses to crime or who illegally use drugs.

A school board must ensure that it does not adopt this section into the policy unless it is prepared to implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413. The law permits a district to maintain a supply of undesignated opioid antagonists in any secure location where a person is at risk of an opioid overdose and use them when necessary. The consequences of informing the community that the district will obtain a prescription for a supply of opioid antagonists and implement a plan for their use, and then not doing it may be fraught with legal liabilities.

The superintendent is given broad authority to implement this section; however, several preliminary steps should occur with the assistance of the board attorney. They include, but are not limited to: (1) investigating the feasibility of obtaining a prescription for a supply of opioid antagonists in the name of the district or one of its schools, and (2) outlining the advantages and disadvantages of implementing this plan based upon each district's individual resources and circumstances, and student population's needs.

<sup>16</sup> See the discussion regarding *trained personnel* in f/n 9, above.

<sup>17</sup> See f/n 11, above.

<sup>18</sup> Optional sentence if the board chooses to implement an undesignated opioid antagonist program as discussed in f/n 15, above. 20 ILCS 301/20-30, mandates the Ill. Dept. of Human Services to create a website with these resources. The purpose of this sentence is to provide the community with information about a public health crisis affecting students.

### School District Supply of Undesignated Glucagon<sup>19</sup>

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 145/27 and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon in the name of the District in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

When a student's prescribed glucagon is not available or has expired, a school nurse or delegated care aide may administer undesignated glucagon only if he or she is authorized to do so by a student's diabetes care plan.

### Administration of Medical Cannabis<sup>20</sup>

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act<sup>21</sup> allows a *medical cannabis infused product* to be administered to a student by one or more of the following individuals:

1. A parent/guardian of a student who is a minor who registers with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) as a *designated caregiver* to administer medical cannabis to their child. A designated caregiver may also be another individual other than the student's parent/guardian. Any designated caregiver must be at least 21 years old<sup>22</sup> and is allowed to administer a *medical cannabis infused product* to a child who is a student on the premises of his or her school or on his or her school bus if:

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<sup>19</sup> Optional. 105 ILCS 145/27, added by P.A. 101-428, permits a district to maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon in any secure location that is immediately accessible to a school nurse or delegated care aide. A school board must ensure that it does not adopt this section into the policy unless it is prepared to implement it.

Consult the board attorney about the consequences of informing the community that the district will obtain a prescription for a supply of undesignated glucagon, and implement a plan for their use, and then not doing it, as doing so may be fraught with legal liabilities.

The superintendent is given broad authority to implement this section; however, several preliminary steps should occur with the assistance of the board attorney. They include, but are not limited to: (1) investigating the feasibility of obtaining a prescription for a supply of undesignated glucagon in the name of the district or one of its schools, and (2) outlining the advantages and disadvantages of implementing this plan based upon each district's individual resources and circumstances, and student population's needs.

<sup>20</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-33(g) (*Ashley's Law*), requires school boards to adopt a policy and implement it by:

1. Authorizing a parent/guardian and/or a *designated caregiver* of a student who is a *registered qualifying patient* to administer a medical cannabis infused product to that student at school or on the school bus (105 ILCS 5/22-33(b)).
2. Allowing a school nurse or administrator to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a student who is a *registered qualifying patient* while at school, a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care, on school-operated property, or while being transported on a school bus (105 ILCS 5/22-33(b-5), added by 101-370).
3. Authorizing a student who is a *registered qualifying patient* to self-administer a medical cannabis infused product if the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of a school nurse or school administrator (*Id.*).

Important: If a district would lose federal funding as a result of the board adopting this policy, the board may not authorize the use of a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law* and not adopt this subsection. 105 ILCS 5/22-33(f). See f/n 25, below, and paragraph two of f/n 1 in policy 5:50, *Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition*, for more information about Congress interfering with a state's decision to implement laws governing the legalization of cannabis, and consult the board attorney about the issue of federal funding. See also ISBE's *Frequently Asked Questions, Ashley's Law*, at: [www.isbe.net/Documents/Medical-Cannabis-FAQ.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents/Medical-Cannabis-FAQ.pdf).

<sup>21</sup> 410 ILCS 130/, amended by P.A. 101-363.

<sup>22</sup> *Id.* at 130/10(i), and 130/57(a) and (b), amended by P.A. 101-363. A student under the age of 18 may have up to three designated caregivers as long as at least one is a biological parent or a legal guardian. *Id.* at 130/57(a). A student 18 years of age or older may appoint up to three designated caregivers who meet the requirements of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. *Id.* at 130/57(b).

- a. Both the student and the designated caregiver possess valid registry identification cards issued by IDPH;
  - b. Copies of the registry identification cards are provided to the District;<sup>23</sup>
  - c. That student's parent/guardian completed, signed, and submitted a *School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis*; and<sup>24</sup>
  - d. After administering the product to the student, the designated caregiver immediately<sup>25</sup> removes it from school premises or the school bus.
2. A properly trained school nurse or administrator, who shall be allowed to administer the *medical cannabis infused product* to the student on the premises of the child's school, at a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property or while being transported on a school bus.<sup>26</sup>
  3. The student him or herself when the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator.<sup>27</sup>

*Medical cannabis infused product* (product) includes oils, ointments, foods, and other products that contain usable cannabis but are not smoked or vaped.<sup>28</sup> Smoking and/or vaping medical cannabis is prohibited.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> The laws are silent about copies of the cards being provided to the district. Requiring copies of the registry cards is a best practice. Consult the board attorney about any records laws implicated in requiring and maintaining copies of these registry cards.

<sup>24</sup> A completed and signed school medication authorization form is not required by *Ashley's Law* but is a best practice and consistent with this sample policy's language for other medications. See sample exhibit 7:270-E2, *School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis*.

<sup>25</sup> The word *immediately* is not in *Ashley's law*. It is added to ensure legal compliance with federal laws that could affect federal funding. For example, consider administrators who may be in the situation where a designated caregiver provides his or her child the product and then wants to volunteer in the school or greet another child in the school while carrying the product in the building, which may violate the Cannabis Control Act (720 ILCS 550/5.2). Consult the board attorney about the best term to use here, if any, as nothing in the law addresses these common scenarios that school administrators will encounter.

<sup>26</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-33(b-5), added by P.A. 101-370. A school nurse or administrator must annually complete a training curriculum to be developed by ISBE in consultation with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health prior to administering a medical cannabis infused product to a student in accordance with this section. 105 ILCS 5/22-33(f-5), added by P.A. 101-370. See [www.isbe.net/Pages/Health.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Health.aspx) for training resources.

<sup>27</sup> *Id.* Any product administered by a school nurse or administrator, or self-administered under the supervision of a school nurse or administrator, must be stored with the school nurse at all times in a manner consistent with storage of other student medication at the school and may be accessible only by the school nurse or a school administrator. 105 ILCS 5/22-33(b-10), added by P.A. 101-370.

<sup>28</sup> 410 ILCS 130/10(q). Consult the board attorney regarding the controversial issue of students using at, or bringing to school, cannabis-infused products without THC that are derived from *industrial hemp* (hemp oil or cannabidiol (CBD) oil, the naturally occurring cannabinoid constituent of cannabis). Industrial hemp is defined in the Industrial Hemp Act (IHA) as the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of that plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis that has been cultivated under a license or is otherwise lawfully present in Illinois and includes any intermediate or finished product made or derived from industrial hemp. 505 ILCS 89/. Industrial hemp is also colloquially known as *agricultural hemp*.

The product may not be administered in a manner that, in the opinion of the District or school, would create a disruption to the educational environment or cause exposure of the product to other students. A school employee shall not be required to administer the product. <sup>30</sup>

Discipline of a student for being administered a product by a designated caregiver, or by a school nurse or administrator, or who self-administers a product under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator<sup>31</sup> pursuant to this policy is prohibited. The District may not deny a student attendance at a school solely because he or she requires administration of the product during school hours.

#### Void Policy <sup>32</sup>

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated asthma medication from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school asthma medication. <sup>33</sup>

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated epinephrine injectors from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school epinephrine injectors. <sup>34</sup>

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for opioid antagonists from a health care professional<sup>35</sup> who has been delegated

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Products from industrial hemp are widely available. As a consequence, school employees may encounter the argument from a student and his or her parent/guardian that the use of hemp or CBD oil products derived from industrial hemp (containing no THC) is not a violation of Illinois law because 720 ILCS 550/4, amended by P.A. 101-593, states "[e]xcept as otherwise provided in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and the Industrial Hemp Act, it is unlawful for any person knowingly to possess cannabis." In addition, products containing hemp or CBD oil can be purchased with a prescription and without a medical marijuana card, so a parent/guardian may argue that such prescriptions should be administered at school as any other prescription medication would be. Consult the board attorney for guidance.

<sup>29</sup> Optional sentence. 410 ILCS 130/10(q) prohibits medical cannabis from being smoked. District administrators may find providing this information to the community helpful to enforcement of this policy.

<sup>30</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-33(e). Consult the board attorney for guidance regarding whether a school nurse or administrator can be required to administer the product. ISBE's FAQ on *Ashley's Law* (see f/n 20) states that a school staff member cannot be forced to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a student because *Ashley's Law* does not require it.

<sup>31</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-33(d), amended by P.A. 101-370.

<sup>32</sup> Remove this section if the board does not adopt the undesignated asthma medication, the undesignated epinephrine injector, the undesignated opioid antagonist, the undesignated glucagon, or the administration of medical cannabis sections of the policy. If the board adopts one or some but not all, delete the appropriate paragraph(s) or sentence(s) in this section.

<sup>33</sup> Discuss with the board attorney whether the board should remove this sentence when the district reaches full implementation of this section.

<sup>34</sup> See f/n 12, above.

<sup>35</sup> *Health care professional* means a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, a licensed physician assistant with prescriptive authority, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, or an advanced practice registered nurse who practices in a hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center and possesses appropriate clinical privileges in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act. 20 ILCS 301/5-23(d)(4).



prescriptive authority for opioid antagonists in accordance with Section 5-23 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school opioid antagonists. <sup>36</sup>

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Glucagon** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for glucagon from a qualifying prescriber,<sup>37</sup> or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school glucagon. <sup>38</sup>

The **Administration of Medical Cannabis** section of the policy is void and the District reserves the right not to implement it if the District or school is in danger of losing federal funding. <sup>39</sup>

#### Administration of Undesignated Medication <sup>40</sup>

Upon any administration of an undesignated medication permitted by State law, the Superintendent or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

#### Undesignated Medication Disclaimers

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions applicable under State law apply. <sup>41</sup>

No one, including without limitation, parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of undesignated medication. This policy does not guarantee the availability of undesignated medications. Students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding these medication(s).

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The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

<sup>36</sup> See f/n 15 above.

<sup>37</sup> 105 ILCS 145/27, added by P.A. 101-428, provides that a physician, a physician assistant who has prescriptive authority under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 (225 ILCS 95/7.5), or an advanced practice registered nurse who has prescriptive authority under the Nurse Practice Act (225 ILCS 65-40) may prescribe undesignated glucagon in the name of the district to be maintained for use when necessary.

<sup>38</sup> See f/n 19 above.

<sup>39</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-33(f).

<sup>40</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30, amended by P.A. 102-413, and 105 ILCS 145/27, added by P.A. 101-428, details specific required notifications, which are listed in 7:270-AP2, *Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication, Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon*.

<sup>41</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-30(c). The school, and its employees and agents, incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of an injury to a student arising from the administration of asthma medication, epinephrine injectors, or opioid antagonists (*Id.*), a student's self-administration of medication (105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, added by P.A. 101-205, ), or administration of undesignated glucagon (insofar as it would be considered part of the care of a student with diabetes, see 105 ILCS 145/45).

105 ILCS 5/22-30(c) requires the district to inform parents/guardians in writing of the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions that apply to the administration of asthma medication, epinephrine injectors, and opioid antagonists. In addition, a statement must be signed by a student's parent/guardian acknowledging the district's protections from liability and hold harmless provisions for these undesignated medications. *Id.* A similar acknowledgment must be signed by a student's parent/guardian for the self-administration of medication. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21(c), added by P.A. 101-205. See 7:270-E1, *School Medication Authorization Form*, for a sample acknowledgement.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, 5/22-30, and 5/22-33.  
105 ILCS 145/, Care of Students with Diabetes Act.  
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.  
720 ILCS 550/, Cannabis Control Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.

CROSS REF.: 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:270-AP1 (Dispensing Medication), 7:270-AP2 (Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication, Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon), 7:270-E1 (School Medication Authorization Form), 7:270-E2 (School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis)