

# INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## Self-administration of Medications by Students with Asthma or Anaphylaxis

### Policy/Procedure O-66

**Policy:** To ensure students receive timely access to prescribed medication(s), it is the policy of the school to permit the self-administration of medications by a student with asthma or by a student who is at risk of having anaphylaxis if the student's parent or guardian:

- (a) Provides written authorization for self-administration to the school; and
- (b) Provides a written statement from the student's health care practitioner that the student has asthma or is at risk of having anaphylaxis and has been instructed in self-administration of the student's prescribed medications to treat asthma, ~~or~~ anaphylaxis or other chronic disease or medical condition.

(1) The statement of the health care practitioner that you provide, must also contain the following information:

1. The nature of the acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the health care practitioner has prescribed medication;
2. The name and purpose of the medications;
3. The prescribed dosage;
4. The time or times the medications are to be regularly administered and under what additional special circumstances the medications are to be administered;
5. The student has been instructed in how to self-administer the medication or medications; and
6. The length of time for which the medications are prescribed.

(2) The statements required per this policy shall be kept on file, in the student's health folder, located in the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) Health Center.

(3) The school shall inform the parent or guardian of the student that the school and its employees and agents shall incur no liability resulting in any injury sustained by the student from the self-administration of his or her medications to treat asthma, anaphylaxis or a chronic disease, or other medical condition. The parent or guardian of the student shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school shall incur no liability and the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the school and its employees against any claims relating to the self-administration of medications used to treat asthma, anaphylaxis or a chronic disease, or other medical condition. The statement does not constitute a waiver of any negligence or filing of a tort claim under applicable Indiana law.

(4) The permission for self-administration of medications shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the requirements of subsections (1) to (3) of this section.

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