

Regulation 5141.21: Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions

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Definitions

Other designated school personnel may include any individual employed by the district who has consented to administer the medication or otherwise assist the student, and who may legally administer the medication. (5 CCR 601)

Medication may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR 601)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day may be assisted by a school nurse or designated school personnel or allowed to self-administer certain medication as long as the district received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48980, 49423)

(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition of the following requirements: (Education Code 49480)

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the drug on the student's physical, intellectual and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission or overdose.

Before a designated employee administrators or assists in the administration of any prescribed medication to any student or any student is allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication during school hours, the district shall have: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600)

1. A written statement from the student's physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

2. A written statement from the student's parent/guardian requesting the district to assist the student in taking the medication as prescribed by the physician

The physician's written statement shall clearly: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)

1. Identify the student
2. Identify the medication
3. Specify the method, amount and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken
4. Contain the name, address, telephone number and signature of the physician
5. If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, confirm that the student is able to self-administer the medication

The parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student

2. Grant permission for the authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's physician, as may be necessary, regarding the physician's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication

3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands how district employees will administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication

4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands his/her responsibilities to enable district employees to administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide a written statement from the physician and to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication.

5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian may terminate consent for such administration at any time.

If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the parent/guardian's written state shall also (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

1. Consent to the self-administration

2. Release the district and school personnel from civil liability if a student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication.

The parent/guardian shall annually provide the Superintendent or designee a new written statement from himself/herself and the student's physician. In addition, the parent/guardian shall provide a new physician statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration or reason for administration changes (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

Parents/guardians shall provide medication in a properly labeled, original container along with the physician's instructions. For prescribed medication, the container shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, name of the physician, and physician's instructions. Medications that are not in their original container shall not be accepted or administered. Medications shall be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian, unless the Superintendent or designee authorizes another method of delivery.

A parent/guardian may designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to his/her child as long as the individual is clearly identified, willing to accept the designation, permitted to be on the school site, and any limitations on the individual's authority are clearly established. The parent/guardian shall provide a written statement designating the individual and containing the information required above.

Designated Employee/District Responsibilities

The school nurse or other designated school personnel employee shall:

1. Be responsible for the medication at school and administer it in accordance with the physician's indicated instructions

2. Accept delivery of medication from the student's parent/guardian, including counting and recording the medication upon receipt

3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during school hours, including the type of medication, times, and dosage, as well as a list of students who are authorized to self-administer medication

4. Maintain a medication log documenting the administration of medication including the student's name; name of medication the student is required to take; dose of medication; method by which the student is required to take the medication; time the medication is to be taken during the regular school day; date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication; physician's name and contact information; and a space for daily recording of medication administration.

The daily record shall contain the date, time, amount of medication administered, and signature of the individual administering the medication.

5. Keep all medication in a locked drawer or cabinet

6. Maintain a medication record including the physician's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student

7. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

8. Coordinate the administration of medication during field trips.

9. Report any refusal of a student to take his/her medication to the parent/guardian

10. Communicate with the physician regarding the medication and its effects

11. Counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission or overdose

12. By the end of the school year, ensure that unused, discontinued and outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian where possible or, if the medication cannot be returned, is disposed of in accordance with state laws and local ordinances

Students may be allowed to self-administer, monitor, or treat his/her existing medical condition provided the following are met: (1) the student is physically, mentally, and behaviorally capable, in the written opinion of the parent/guardian, physician, and credentialed school nurse, to assume that responsibility and has been adequately instructed at home; (2) the medication is necessary to the student's health and must be taken during school hours; (3) the student has successfully demonstrated self-administration of the medication to the credentialed school nurse; and (4) supervision is provided by the credentialed school nurse, when available, or by designated school personnel

Anaphylactic Injections

1. Parents/guardians of students who may require emergency anaphylactic injections shall provide written permission for authorized staff to administer these injections.

2. Each year, school employees designated by the principal shall receive training in administering anaphylactic injections. The school nurse or qualified medical personnel shall provide this training.

3. The principal or designee shall schedule inservice meetings to:

a. Familiarize authorized staff with the prescribed medications and their location

b. Ensure that authorized staff are competent to administer anaphylactic injections

c. Train all school personnel to recognize the symptoms of anaphylactic reactions

Physicians and parents/guardians of students who may require anaphylactic injections may be invited to attend these meetings.

4. The principal or designee shall prepare a list naming the students who may need emergency anaphylactic injections. This list shall be given to all concerned staff and updated annually.

5. All medication for injections shall be labeled with the student's name, type of medicine and expiration date.

6. The parents/guardians of students who carry their own kits for the purpose of anaphylactic injections shall so inform the principal or designee, who shall prepare a list naming these students, give it to concerned staff and update the list annually.

7. The principal or designee shall post in the school health office a list of symptoms usually associated with anaphylactic reactions and a clear, specific procedure for administering injections in case of emergency. If authorized staff are not available at the time of an emergency, this written procedure will be followed by anyone who must administer the injection in order to save a life.

Definitions

Authorized health care provider means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe or order medication, including, but not limited to, a physician or physician assistant. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 601)

Other designated school personnel means any individual employed by the district, including a nonmedical school employee, who has volunteered or consented to administer medication or otherwise assist the student and who may legally administer the medication to the student or assist the student in the administration of the medication. (5 CCR 601, 621)

Medication may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR 601)

Epinephrine auto-injector means a disposable delivery device designed for the automatic injection of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. (Education Code 49414)

Anaphylaxis means a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance, which may result from an insect sting, food allergy, drug reaction, exercise, or other cause. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code 49414)

Opioid antagonist means naloxone hydrochloride or another drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body and that has been approved for the treatment of an opioid overdose. (Education Code 49414.3)

Albuterol means a bronchodilator used to open the airways by relaxing the muscles around the bronchial tubes. (Education Code 49414.7)

Inhaler means a device used for the delivery of prescribed asthma medication that is inhaled. (Education Code 49414.7)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the options available to students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day and the rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians regarding those options. (Education Code 49480)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition of the following: (Education Code 49480)

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

When a student requires medication during the school day in order to participate in the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, inform the student's parents/guardians that the student may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC 1400-1482) or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794).

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the parent/guardian of any student who may need medication during the school day shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Submitting the parent/guardian written statement and the authorized health care provider's written statement each school year as described in the sections "Parent/Guardian Statement" and "Health Care Provider Statement" below. The parent/guardian shall provide a new authorized health care provider's statement if the medication,

dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. (Education Code 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600, 626)

2. If the student is on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition, informing the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician, and updating the information when needed. (Education Code 49480)

3. Providing medications in properly labeled, original containers along with the authorized health care provider's instructions. For prescribed or ordered medication, the container also shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the authorized health care provider. (5 CCR 606)

Parent/Guardian Statement

When district employees are to administer medication to a student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student

2. Grant permission for an authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's authorized health care provider and pharmacist, as may be necessary, regarding the health care provider's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication

3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands how district employees will administer the medication or otherwise assist the student in its administration

4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands the responsibilities to provide a written statement from the authorized health care provider, to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication, and to provide all necessary supplies and equipment

5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands the right to terminate the consent for the administration of the medication or for otherwise assisting the student in the administration of medication at any time

In addition to the requirements in Items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian has requested that the student be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the parent/guardian's written statement shall: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

1. Consent to the self-administration

2. Release the district and school personnel from civil liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication

In addition to the requirements in Items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian wishes to designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to the student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall clearly identify the individual and shall state:

1. The individual's willingness to accept the designation

2. That the individual is permitted to be on the school site

3. Any limitations on the individual's authority

Health Care Provider Statement

When any district employee is to administer prescribed medication to a student, or when a student is to be allowed to carry and self-administer prescribed medication during school hours, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall include:

1. Clear identification of the student (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)

2. The name of the medication (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)

3. The method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
4. If a parent/guardian has requested that the student be allowed to self-administer medication, confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication (Education Code 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
5. For medication that is to be administered by unlicensed personnel, confirmation by the student's health care provider that the medication may safely and appropriately be administered by unlicensed personnel (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
6. For medication that is to be administered on an as-needed basis, the specific symptoms that would necessitate administration of the medication, allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation
7. Possible side effects of the medication
8. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of the student's authorized health care provider

For self-administration of inhaled asthma medication, the district shall accept a written statement from a physician or surgeon contracted with a health plan licensed pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1351.2. Such written statement shall be in English and Spanish and shall include the name and contact information for the physician or surgeon. (Education Code 49423.1)

District Responsibilities

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any unlicensed school personnel authorized to administer medication to a student receives appropriate training from the school nurse or other qualified medical personnel.

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering medication in accordance with the authorized health care provider's written statement
2. Accept delivery of medications from parents/guardians and count and record them upon receipt
3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during the school day, including those authorized to self-administer medication, and maintain on the list the type of medication and the times and dosage to be administered
4. Maintain for each student a medication log which may:
 - a. Specify the student's name, medication, dose, method of administration, time of administration during the regular school day, date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication, and the authorized health care provider's name and contact information
 - b. Contain space for daily recording of the date, time, and amount of medication administered, and the signature of the individual administering the medication
5. Maintain for each student a medication record which may include the authorized health care provider's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student
6. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained
7. Coordinate and, as appropriate, ensure the administration of medication during field trips and other school-related activities
8. Report to a student's parent/guardian and the site administrator any refusal by the student to take the medication
9. Keep all medication to be administered by the district in a locked drawer or cabinet

10. As needed, communicate with a student's authorized health care provider and/or pharmacist regarding the medication and its effects
11. Counsel other designated school personnel regarding the possible effects of a medication on a student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose
12. Ensure that any unused, discontinued, or outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school year or, if the medication cannot be returned, dispose of it in accordance with state laws and local ordinances
13. In the event of a medical emergency requiring administration of medication, provide immediate medical assistance, directly observe the student following the administration of medication, contact the student's parent/guardian, and determine whether the student should return to class, rest in the school office, or receive further medical assistance
14. Report to the site administrator, the student's parent/guardian, and, if necessary, the student's authorized health care provider any instance when a medication is not administered properly, including administration of the wrong medication or failure to administer the medication in accordance with authorized health care provider's written statement

Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Emergency Albuterol Inhalers

The Superintendent or designee shall provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or other trained personnel who have volunteered to administer them in an emergency and have received training from a credentialed school nurse. The school nurse, or when a school nurse or physician is unavailable, a trained volunteer (employed by the district) may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to provide emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis at school or a school activity.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may make emergency stock albuterol inhalers available to school nurses and trained personnel who have volunteered to be used to provide medical aid to person(s) suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from respiratory distress. (Education Code 49414.7)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all employees a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors and/or stock albuterol inhalers for emergency aid to individuals exhibiting signs of anaphylaxis reaction or respiratory distress. Such notice shall also describe the training that the volunteers will receive. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

The principal or designee at each school may designate one or more volunteers to receive initial and annual refresher training, which shall be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by a physician and surgeon authorized pursuant to Education Code 49414 or 49414.7, and shall be based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Written materials covering the required topics for training shall be retained by the school for reference. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

A school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health, or a district administrator if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, shall obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors or stock albuterol inhalers for each school from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or manufacturers. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

Elementary schools shall, at a minimum, be provided one adult (regular) and one junior epinephrine auto-injector. Secondary schools shall be provided at least one adult (regular) epinephrine auto-injector, unless there are any students at the school who require a junior epinephrine auto-injector. (Education Code 49414)

The district shall store emergency epinephrine auto-injectors and stock albuterol inhalers in an accessible location, and shall specify such location in annual notices to staff.

If either medication is used, the school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health shall restock the medication as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, all medications shall be restocked before their expiration date. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

Any volunteer or trained personnel who administers either medication shall initiate emergency medical services or other appropriate medical follow up in accordance with the training materials retained by the school. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering epinephrine auto-injectors and/or stock albuterol inhalers shall be provided to each volunteer and retained in the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying out the requirements of Education Code 49414 or 49414.7, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or emergency albuterol inhalers from a manufacturer or wholesaler. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of the described medications for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code 4119.2)

Emergency Medication for Opioid Overdose

The district may elect to make emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available at schools for the purpose of providing emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. In determining whether to make this medication available, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the emergency medical response time to the school and determine whether initiating emergency medical services is an acceptable alternative to providing an opioid antagonist and training personnel to administer the medication. (Education Code 49414.3)

Additionally, if the district accepts emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist from the county office of education (COE), the Superintendent or designee shall maintain at least two units of the medication at each district middle, junior high, high, and adult school. (Education Code 49414.8)

When available at the school site, the school nurse shall provide emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for emergency medical aid to any person exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of an opioid overdose at school or a school activity. Other designated personnel who have volunteered and have received training may administer such medication when a school nurse or physician is unavailable and shall only administer the medication by nasal spray or auto-injector. (Education Code 49414.3)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all staff a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist, describing the training that the volunteer will receive, and explaining the right of the volunteer to rescind the offer to volunteer at any time, including after receiving training. The notice shall also include a statement that no benefit will be granted to or withheld from any employee based on the offer to volunteer and that there will be no retaliation against any employee for rescinding the offer to volunteer. (Education Code 49414.3)

The principal or designee shall designate two or more volunteer employees to receive initial and annual refresher training, based on standards adopted by the SPI, regarding the storage and emergency use of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist. The training shall be provided at no cost to the employee, conducted during regular working hours, and be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by an authorizing physician and surgeon. Written materials provided during the training shall be retained at the school for reference. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.8)

Each volunteer shall meet the minimum standards of training for the administration of an emergency opioid antagonist as specified in Education Code 49414.3 or shall have undergone opioid overdose prevention and treatment training and reviewed material available on the California Department of Public Health's website. (Education Code 49414.8)

Any prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist shall be obtained by a school nurse, other qualified supervisor of health, or, if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, a district administrator from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or manufacturers. (Education Code 49414.3)

If the medication is used, the school nurse, other qualified supervisor of health, or district administrator, as applicable, shall restock the medication as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, the medication shall be restocked before its expiration date. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.8)

Employees and volunteers that render emergency treatment at the scene of an opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose by administering an opioid antagonist shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission, unless such act constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. (Health and Safety Code 1799.113)

Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for emergency aid shall be provided to each volunteer in writing and retained in the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 49414.3)

A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying out the requirements of Education Code 49414.3, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist from a COE, manufacturer, or wholesaler. (Education Code 49414.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code 4119.8)

Anti-Seizure Medication

A school nurse or, if a school nurse is not onsite or available, a volunteer designated by the district may administer emergency anti-seizure medication to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who has been prescribed such medication from the student's health care provider and is suffering from a seizure. (Education Code 49468.2)

Upon receipt of a request from the parent/guardian of a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who has been prescribed emergency anti-seizure medication, the Superintendent or designee may designate one or more volunteer(s) at the student's school to receive initial and annual refresher training regarding the emergency use of anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.2)

In order to solicit volunteers, the district shall distribute a notice at least once, but no more than two times per school year, to all staff that includes the following information: (Education Code 49468.2)

1. A description of the volunteer request stating that the request is for volunteers to be trained to recognize and respond to seizures, including training to administer emergency anti-seizure medication to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy if the student is suffering from a seizure
2. A description of the training that the volunteer will receive
3. The right of an employee to rescind the offer to volunteer
4. A statement that there will be no retaliation against any individual for rescinding the offer to volunteer, including after receiving training

A volunteer may rescind the offer to administer emergency anti-seizure medication at any time, including after receipt of training. (Education Code 49468.2)

If a volunteer rescinds the offer to volunteer or is no longer able to act as a volunteer for any reason, or if the placement of a student changes and the student no longer has access to a trained volunteer, the district may distribute an additional two notices per school year to all staff. (Education Code 49468.2)

Volunteer employees shall receive initial and annual refresher training, based on standards adopted by the SPI, regarding the recognition and response to seizures and the administration of emergency anti-seizure medication. The training shall be provided at no cost to the employee, conducted during regular working hours, and be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by an authorizing physician and surgeon. Written materials provided during the training shall be retained at the school for reference. (Education Code 49468.2)

Before administering emergency anti-seizure medication or therapy prescribed to treat seizures in a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, the district shall obtain from the student's parent/guardian a seizure action plan as specified in Education Code 49468.3. The school or district nurse shall collaborate with the

parent/guardian of each student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy in the development of a plan if the student does not have an individualized education plan or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 49468.3)

If the school obtains written consent from the student's parent/guardian, in accordance with 34 CFR 99.30, the seizure action plan shall be distributed to any school staff or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of the student. (Education Code 49468.3)

Upon receipt of a request from a parent/guardian of a student diagnosed with seizure, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, the district shall notify the parent/guardian that the student may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or an individualized education program and shall assist the parent/guardian with the exploration of that option. (Education Code 49468.2)

Additionally, if there are no volunteers at the student's school, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the student's right to be assessed for services and accommodations guaranteed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and may ask the parent/guardian to sign such notices. (Education Code 49468.2)

The principal or designee shall notify the school nurse assigned to the school, or if a school nurse is not assigned to the school or district, the Superintendent or designee, if an employee administers an emergency anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.3)

The notification described above and the seizure action plan shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or a school administrator, in compliance with all applicable state and federal privacy laws. (Education Code 49468.3)

The district shall provide volunteers defense and indemnification for any and all civil liability, with information stating such being provided to the volunteer in writing and retained in the volunteer's personnel file. (Education Code 49468.5)

Trained volunteers who administer emergency anti-seizure medication or medication prescribed for seizure disorder symptoms to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who appears to be experiencing a seizure shall not be subject to professional review, be liable in a civil action, or be subject to criminal prosecution for acts or omissions in administering the emergency anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.5)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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5 CCR 600-611

Bus. Code 2700-2837

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