

**SUPPLY OF EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS ON SCHOOL  
PROPERTY**

**SECTION 8.23.(a)**Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**§ 115C-375.2A. School supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.**

(a) A local board of education shall provide for a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors on school property for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property. Each school shall store in a secure but unlocked and easily accessible location a minimum of two epinephrine auto-injectors. For purposes of this section, "school property" does not include transportation to or from school.

(b) For the purposes of this section and G.S. 115C-375.2, "epinephrine auto-injector" means a disposable drug delivery system with a spring-activated, concealed needle that is designed for emergency administration of epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering a potentially fatal reaction to anaphylaxis.

(c) The principal shall designate one or more school personnel, as part of the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375.1, to receive initial training and annual retraining from a school nurse or qualified representative of the local health department regarding the storage and emergency use of an epinephrine auto-injector. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the school nurse or other designated school personnel who has received training under this subsection shall obtain a non-patient specific prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors from a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner of the local health department serving the area in which the local school administrative unit is located.

(d) The principal shall collaborate with appropriate school personnel to develop an emergency action plan for the use of epinephrine auto-injectors in an emergency. The plan shall include at least the following components:

- (1) Standards and procedures for the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors by trained school personnel.
- (2) Training of school personnel in recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- (3) Emergency follow-up procedures, including calling emergency services and contacting a student's parent and physician.
- (4) Instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(e) A supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors provided in accordance with this section shall not be used as the sole medication supply for students known to have a medical condition requiring the availability or use of an epinephrine auto-injector. Those students may be authorized to possess and self-administer their medication on school property under 56 G.S. 115C-375.2.

(f) A local board of education, its members, employees, designees, agents, or volunteers, and a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner of the local health department shall not be liable in civil damages to any party for any act authorized by this section or for any omission relating to that act unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

**SECTION 8.23.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.29F(a) reads as rewritten:

The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools comply with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a charter school shall provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors necessary to carry out the provisions of 33 G.S. 115C-375.2A.

**SECTION 8.23.(c)** G.S. 115C-238.66(7) reads as rewritten:

The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that regional schools comply with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a regional school shall provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors necessary to carry out the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.2A.

**SECTION 8.23.(d)** Within 60 days of the date this act becomes law, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall adopt rules addressing the authorization for school personnel to obtain a prescription for epinephrine for emergency health circumstances in public schools in accordance with G.S. 115C-375.2A, as enacted by this section.

**SECTION 8.23.(e)** Subsections (a) through (c) of this section become effective November 1, 2014.