

§ 115C-375.2A. School supply of epinephrine delivery systems.

(a) A local board of education shall provide for a supply of emergency epinephrine delivery systems 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 delivery systems. 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 delivery system" means a disposable drug delivery system that is designed for emergency administration of epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering a potentially fatal reaction to anaphylaxis, including nasal sprays and injectors that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with a premeasured, appropriate weight-based dose of epinephrine.

(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 epinephrine delivery systems. 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 an epinephrine delivery system 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 delivery systems in an emergency. The plan shall include at least the following components:

- (1) Standards and procedures for the storage and emergency use of epinephrine delivery systems 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, guardian, and physician.
- (4) Instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(e) A supply of emergency epinephrine delivery systems 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 delivery system. Those students may be authorized to possess and self-administer their medication on school property under 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. (2014-100, s. 8.23(a); 2025-60, s. 4(b).)