

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control Division

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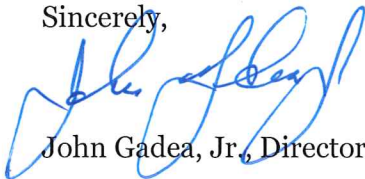
In light of recent legislation, specifically Public Act 14-176, an Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools (now codified at General Statutes § 10-212a), the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection's Drug Control Division has received numerous inquiries regarding the proper method to procure epinephrine for the purpose of emergency first aid to students who do not have a prior written authorization of a parent or guardian or a prior written order of a qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine.

Medical directors of school health systems and any other prescribing practitioner in the State of Connecticut CANNOT issue a prescription for an inanimate object (i.e. school). All prescriptions issued in the State of Connecticut must be issued for a specific patient. That being said, medical directors of school health systems in the State of Connecticut may obtain epinephrine from any properly credentialed wholesaler of drugs, cosmetics and medical devices or a FDA licensed manufacturer for the purpose of emergency first aid to students who do not have a prior written order from a qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine.

Medical directors of school health systems in the State of Connecticut may order epinephrine from any properly credentialed wholesaler of drugs, cosmetics and medical devices or a FDA licensed manufacturer and the wholesaler or manufacturer may deliver said epinephrine directly to the respective school health system(s) for the purpose of emergency first aid to students who do not have a prior written order of a qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine. The Drug Control Division advises medical directors of school health systems to maintain proper records as to where said epinephrine is distributed or to whom it is administered in case of a recall, etc.

A list of properly credentialed wholesalers of drugs, cosmetics and medical devices from whom medical directors of school health systems may order epinephrine in order to comply with Public Act 14-176 is available at <https://www.elicense.ct.gov/>. Please be advised that the Drug Control Division does not endorse any wholesaler or manufacturers and the list of wholesalers is not inclusive of all properly credential wholesalers.

Sincerely,



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