

Dear Health Care Provider,

Date:

Providers who wish to permit students to **independently use and carry** their own medications which require rapid administration during the school day/school sponsored events, will need to attest (state in writing), that they have observed the student using those medications correctly. Prescriptions for medical marijuana are excluded.

Education Law Article 19, sections **916, 916a and 916b and Commissioner’s Regulation part 136.7** address students’ diagnosed with respiratory conditions, allergies, and/or diabetes the right to carry and use their medications independently with appropriate documentation. In order for students to independently carry and use their inhaled respiratory rescue medications; epinephrine auto-injectors; and insulin, glucagon, and related diabetes supplies the following must be provided to the school:

1. written consent from the parent/guardian; and
2. written provider orders for such with an attestation confirming the student diagnosis, and that the student has demonstrated they can effectively administer the medication(s).

Students with other diagnosis warranting medications which require immediate access and rapid administration during the school day/school sponsored events should also be given permission to independently carry and use their medications if they provide the same type of documentation.

The attestation requirement is a change in previous practice for private health care providers. We understand that many providers use specific paper or electronic forms for medication requests at school. To assist providers and schools, we have created a form which may be used to document the attestation which can be appended to any original order provided. It is available in the **NYSSHSC School Nurse Toolkit**. Providers may wish to incorporate the attestation language into their existing forms so that the addendum is not needed in future requests.

Attestation indicates that the student is independent in their medication use with no assessment or intervention needed by school staff. If school staff believes the student is not appropriately and consistently taking their medication, it should be documented and parents/guardians notified.

Our school will be **required by law** to obtain an attestation in order to allow students to independently use and carry their medication at school, and may contact you for this additional information if not supplied with the original order.

We appreciate your time in collaborating with us to allow your patient and our student to use their medication independently at school as you have requested.

Sincerely,

**Please direct any questions to:**

Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_