

"UNDESIGNATED" EPI-PENS CAN NOW BE ADMINISTERED BY ANY TRAINED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

If authorized by the school district, epi-pens can now be administered by "trained personnel" in schools. New legislation was enacted July 30th, 2014, to address the concern that not all schools have readily available school nurses to administer an epi-pen in an emergency. The amendment provides that an epi-pen can be administered if the school nurse or trained personnel, in good faith, believe an individual is having an anaphylactic reaction (1) while in school; (2) while at a school-sponsored activity; (3) while under the supervision of school personnel; or (4) before or after normal school activities. The nurse and trained personnel also now have the ability to carry the undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors with them at school or at school sponsored activities.

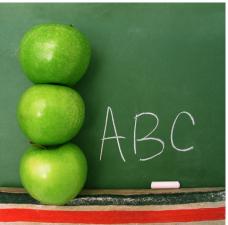
A summary of the changes under P.A. 98-0795 can be accessed at the following link:

Key Provisions of Public Act 98-0795 For Administration of Undesignated Epi-Pens

The law went into effect August 1, 2014. A full copy of the amendatory legislation can be found at:

Public Act 98-0795

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