New York State
Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

POLICY STATEMENT

Supercedes/Updates:

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Re:

Use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors By Children's Camps

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy is to explain the provisions of Chapter 578 of the Laws of 1999 authorizing the use of an epinephrine auto injector device by certain individuals in ambulance and advanced life support services and childrens' overnight, summer day or traveling camps. This change in the law is designed to encourage greater acquisition and use of epinephrine auto injectors in communities across the state in an effort to reduce the number of deaths associated with anaphylaxis from increased sensitivity to insects and certain food substances.

AUTHORIZATION

To be authorized to possess and use an epinephrine auto injector under this statute an individual or organization as defined above must file notification of intent to the local Regional Emergency Medical Services Council (REMSCO) and the Department of Health (DOH). *There are no approvals or certifications required.*

To be authorized to possess and use an epinephrine auto injector:

- Identify a physician or hospital knowledgeable and experienced in emergency cardiac care to serve as "emergency health care provider (EHCP)" and participate in a collaborative agreement.
- Complete a training course approved by the Commissioner of Health (Attachment 1).
- Develop with the EHCP, a written collaborative agreement which shall include at least the following:
  - written practice protocols for the use of the epinephrine auto injector;
  - written policies and procedures for the training of authorized users;
  - notice to the EHCP of the use of the epinephrine auto injector;
  - written plan for activation of the EMS system when an auto injector is used;
  - documentation of the use of the epinephrine auto injector;
  - written policy and procedure for acquisition, storage, accounting, and proper disposal of used auto-injector.

- Provide written notice to 911 and/or the community equivalent ambulance dispatch entity of the availability of epinephrine auto injectors at the organization's location.
- File with the REMSCO serving the area a copy of the "Notice of Intent to Possess and use an Epinephrine Auto Injector (DOH-4188) along with a signed copy of the Collaborative Agreement.
- File a new Collaborative Agreement with the REMSCO if the EHCP changes or with a change in content of the agreement.

REMSCO Actions

Regional EMS Councils must develop a procedure for the following:

- insure that a copy of the organization's "Notice of Intent ... (DOH-4188)" is forwarded to the Bureau of EMS.
- maintain a copy of the "Notice of Intent... (DOH-4188) and the Collaborative Agreement.

There are no approvals or certifications required by the REMSCO.

Authorized:

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