



What you need to know about...

Self Carry Medication Law

On August 16, 2001 legislation was enacted that allowed Illinois public and private school children to carry and self-administer prescribed asthma medication and epi-pens.

As of July 1, 2006 all schools must adhere to Illinois Public Act 94-0792, which amends the school code as follows:

- All children who can self-medicate are allowed to carry their asthma medication and epi-pens and to self-medicate as prescribed while at school.
- Medication is NOT to be stored by the school, but rather to be kept with the child.
- Permission to carry and self-medicate is determined by the child's parent and physician.
- District self-medication forms must be signed by a parent and a physician, and kept on record at the school.

(Sample self medication forms are available at www.lungchicago.org)



- There are no age limitations; the physician determines if the child is able to self-medicate.
- It is the responsibility of the school to notify parents of their legal right to allow their children to carry and self-medicate asthma medication and epi-pens.

It is recommended that parents provide two prescriptions of each medication, one to be carried by the child and one to be kept by the school as a back up for an emergency.