

Emergency Stock Inhaler Procedures

The Ada City Schools District Board of Education recognizes asthma is a chronic, life threatening condition. Over 7 million children in the United State have asthma. Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization of children and is responsible for 10.5 million missed school days every year. Students with a diagnosis of asthma who are prescribed bronchodilator (fast-acting inhaler) are strongly encouraged to self-carry and self-administer their medication, if appropriate. Students who are unable to self-carry and self-administer their medication should bring their inhaler to school and follow the Ada Board of Education Policy - FFACA *Medication: Administering to Students* and have a completed Medication Permission Form on file.

State stock emergency asthma rescue medication policies were enacted by Senate Bill 381 and amended on 1/16/2019. Under this policy, the school board shall allow the school health program, in coordination with the school administration and trained personnel, to administer or instruct students how to administer the school stock inhaler in the event the student is experiencing “respiratory distress.” A stock inhaler means a bronchodilator with albuterol, or another bronchodilator that is approved by the FDA for treatment of respiratory distress and is written by a physician, physician assistant, advance practice nurse, or other medical professional with prescribing authority in Oklahoma.

Senate Bill 381 regarding stock asthma rescue medication policies authorizes all Ada City Schools District schools and any Oklahoma school district to obtain and administer undesignated quick relief asthma medication. Any employee of a school district or charter school (or agent of that school district or charter school) who is trained in the administration of inhalers may administer or assist in the administration of a short-acting bronchodilator inhaler (e.g., albuterol inhaler) to a student whom the employee believes in good faith to be exhibiting symptoms of “respiratory distress” while at school or at a school-sponsored activity. All nurses and/or other authorized school staff must undergo training yearly in order to administer stock asthma rescue medication. Training must include identification of symptoms, emergency response procedure, and how to administer the medication in accordance with Senate Bill 381.

Only Ada City Schools District students and staff can receive an administration of any stock emergency asthma rescue medication.

The stock medication (Bronchodilator) shall be stored in a secure accessible location, such as in the school clinic or school office area for quick access.

Administration of the stock asthma rescue inhaler medication can be administered by the nurse or school staff who have had appropriate training. The medication can only be administered in

school and/or any school sponsored trips and activities, as well as before or after normal school activities or on a school bus.

Upon any administration of any stock inhaler, the protocol and action plan will be followed and adhered to (see attached). All parents will be notified of the Stock Asthma Inhaler program Senate Bill 381 yearly. A recording system to document each time the stock bronchodilator has been used will be implemented.

Per Senate Bill 381, liability is waived for stocking, administering, or not administering the stock asthma inhaler for the prescribing physician, the Ada City School District, it's school board, it's staff members, and the entity providing inhalers.

Senate Bill 381 allows a combination of doctors, physicians, physician assistants, advance practice nurses, the Great State of Oklahoma the authority to write a prescription or standing order for stock asthma rescue medication on behalf of the Ada City School District. It authorizes a pharmacist to dispense asthma rescue medications in the name of the school or authorized entity, Ada City Schools.