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Student Possession and Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers

Students attending the Susquehanna Community School District may possess and self-administer asthma inhalers while in school. Students who need to possess and self-administer asthma inhalers must have their parent/guardian submit the necessary documentation to the appropriate building nurse prior to possessing and self-administering asthma inhalers on school grounds.

Students will only be allowed to possess and self-administer asthma inhalers if the following stipulations are met:

- 1. Student's parent/guardians acknowledge that the school district holds no responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the medication or for ensuring that the medication is taken.
- 2. Physician acknowledges that the student:
 - a. Has a medical condition (asthma) requiring the student to possess an inhaler on school grounds.
 - b. Has been trained to and is capable of self-administering the inhaler.

Once students are authorized to possess and self-administer asthma inhalers on school grounds, students must abide by the following regulations:

- 1. The school nurse must be informed by the student immediately after each use of the asthma inhaler, if the use occurred while on school grounds during the normal school day.
- 2. During the school day students authorized to possess an inhaler must keep the inhaler on their person at all times. During physical education classes, recess, and during sports practices and participation, the student may have the supervising teacher and/or coach hold onto the inhaler so that the student may fully participate in the physical activity.
- 3. Students may not allow other students to possess or use their asthma inhalers. Students caught doing so will be handled in accordance with the district Drug & Alcohol Policy and their district-granted permission to possess inhalers on their person on school grounds shall be revoked.