



## **Asthma and Anaphylaxis Allergies**

For those students with asthma or potentially life-threatening food allergies, Colorado Early Colleges (CEC) will follow the criteria set forth in the Medication Administration: Asthma/Anaphylaxis Management Act SB 05-156.

Each student shall complete an Emergency and Medical Information form during the enrollment process. This form will be updated annually while the student is enrolled at CEC. At the start of each school year, the school's Registered Nurse (RN) will review all forms, note those students who have asthma or a potentially life-threatening food allergy, and provide them with the following forms for their parents to complete:

- Health-Care Plan, which shall address communication between the school and emergency medical services, including instructions for emergency medical responders. If a student qualifies as a student with a disability in accordance with federal law, the student's Section 504 Plan, Individualized Education Program (IEP), and/or other plan developed in accordance with applicable federal law shall meet this requirement.
- Contract For Student Self-Carry of Inhalers or EpiPens (self-injectable epinephrine) at school (only required if student will self-carry).
- Authorization to administer medication at school (if applicable).

The parent/guardian must promptly return all forms to the school's Health Office and must also provide the student's appropriate medication. The school's RN will verify whether the student will carry and/or self-administer medication at school following C.R.S. 221119.5-R-1.00 — Determining Student Qualification to Self-Carry Asthma/Anaphylaxis Medication, and C.R.S. 221119.5-R-2.00 — Requirements to Self-Carry Asthma/Anaphylaxis Medication in Making the Decision.

CEC will provide:

- The student access to his/her medication.
  - If the student is allowed to self-carry his/her medication, the student will be instructed to carry the approved medication in the outermost pocket of his/her backpack/schoolbag.
  - If the medication is kept in the school's health room, it must be readily available and portable.
  - The school may request that a backup supply of medication be available at school for students who carry/self-administer medication.
- Appropriate training to designated staff.
  - Designated staff will have access to medication when the school RN is off campus.
  - Designated staff will be trained by the school RN. Training will be reviewed annually and will include:
    - Instruction on the basic understanding of food allergies and the importance of reasonable avoidance of agents that may cause anaphylaxis.
    - Instruction on recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis or asthma.
    - Instruction on appropriate response when a student suffers an anaphylactic reaction or asthma attack.
    - Instruction in the administration of self-injectable EpiPen or a rescue inhaler.
- A process to activate the school's Emergency Medical System (EMS)
  - The school's Health Team and/or delegated staff will evaluate the student and call 911, if needed.
- Reasonable accommodation to minimize or remove exposure to identified allergens.

**Legal References:**

20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq. (*Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2007*)

29 U.S.C. 701 et seq. (*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*)

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. (*Americans with Disabilities Act*)

C.R.S. 22-2-135 (*Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act*)

C.R.S. 22-32-139 (*policy regarding management of food allergies and anaphylaxis among students*)

C.R.S. 25-1.5-109 (*Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment shall develop, maintain, and make available a standard form for school districts to gather information concerning students' food allergies*)

1 CCR 301-68 (*State Board of Education Rules regarding Administration of Colorado School Children's Asthma and Anaphylaxis Act and Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act*)