

Protocol

Stock Albuterol Use in the Schools

1. Albuterol will be stocked in each school. Prescriptions will be purchased by each school individually.
2. Stock Albuterol may be administered only by the School Nurse.
3. The use of stock Albuterol should occur ONLY when a student with the diagnosis of asthma has forgotten their own inhaler. It is not the intent of the schools to provide daily/routine meds for students with asthma, but to offer students/parents an emergency supply. If this privilege is abused the school nurse will counsel with parent/guardian about having a “back up” inhaler in the school medicine cabinet. The number of “stock inhaler uses” to be designated as abuse will be decided as a site-based decision.
4. There must be a current completed medication consent form for Albuterol signed by both the parent and the medical provider on file for Albuterol to be given.
5. Stock Albuterol may not be administered to any student without a confirmed diagnosis of asthma and a current signed medication consent on file.
6. The school nurse will use paper or disposable spacer to reduce chance of contamination of metered dose inhaler.
7. After use, the inhaler should be cleaned well with soap and water, then alcohol and air-dried.
8. If a student is experiencing asthma related symptoms and does not have a current medication consent, have the student to rest, drink water, relax and notify parent. If symptoms worsen, call 911. See Treatment of Status Asthmaticus with Epinephrine if needed.

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