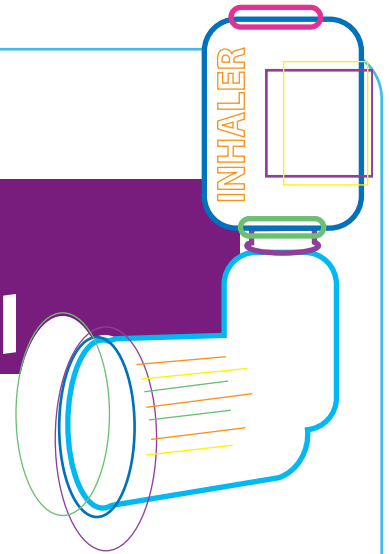


Iowa Asthma Medication Law

Addressing the Asthma Medication Law in Your School

On April 14, 2004, Governor Tom Vilsack signed legislation allowing Iowa public and private school children to carry and self-administer prescribed asthma medication.



This legislation ensures that students with asthma have immediate access to life-saving asthma medications. Important facts about this law are the following:

- Asthma medications must be prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or other person licensed to distribute a prescription drug.
- Self-administration means a student's discretionary use of his or her prescribed asthma medications.
- The school must permit self-administration providing the parent/guardian has provided written permission for self-administration and the parent/guardian has provided written permission from the student's health care provider. The health care provider must include the following information: name and purpose of medication; the prescribed dosage; the time or times at which or the special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered.
- The above information shall be kept on file with the school nurse and/or administrator.
- The school is not held liable for students who self-administer asthma medications unless school personnel prevent the student from obtaining and self-administering medication.
- The written permission forms from parents and health care providers are effective for the school year and shall be renewed each subsequent school year.
- This law pertains to students while they are in school, at a school-sponsored activity, while under the supervision of school personnel, and before-school or after-school care on school-operated property.

If you have any further questions about the Asthma Medication Law, please contact the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA



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