

The logo features the acronym 'ASCIP' in large, gold, 3D-style letters. To the left of the letters is a stylized red pencil with a black eraser and a gold tip. To the right of 'ASCIP' is the text 'Risk Alert!' in a bold, red, sans-serif font. A horizontal red line runs across the page below the logo.

ASCIP Risk Alert!

Date: *February 26, 2015*

Attention: *ASCIP Members*

Subject: **SB1266 - Administration of Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

This Risk Alert provides a summary of SB 1266, Emergency Epinephrine Auto-injectors. On September 15, 2014 Governor Brown signed into law SB 1266 thereby amending Education Code section 49414. SB 1266 requires school districts, county offices of education and charter schools to provide emergency medical care to individuals suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction.

District procedures: The procedures in recruiting and training volunteers are similar to those required by SB 161 for the administration of Diastat for students with severe seizure disorders. The California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) recommends that a minimum of 2 to 3 trained volunteers be available at each site. The district shall distribute a notice at least once per school year to all staff with the following information:

- A description of the activities required of the volunteer in the administration of Emergency Epinephrine Auto-injectors (EpiPen)
- A description of the training the volunteer will receive

Training: The training must be provided by the school nurse, other qualified person designated by a physician that is employed or contracted by the district, a medical director of the local health department or the local emergency medical services director, initially and then annually through refresher training.

Prescriptions: The prescriptions shall be obtained by the school nurse, other qualified person designated by a physician that is employed or contracted by the district, a medical director of the local health department or the local emergency medical services director. Districts may utilize Workers' Compensation or sports activities physicians to review Standing Orders and write a prescription for the EpiPen.

How many EpiPen's should a school obtain? CSNO recommends at least two EpiPen's of varying dosages per site to cover all staff and student emergencies. If an EpiPen is used, it should be restocked as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after use.

Expiration Date Tracking: A system is needed to track the expiration dates of the EpiPen. School data systems may be used to generate reminders.

Liability: Each employee, who volunteers to be trained and administer the EpiPen, shall be provided defense and indemnification by the school district, county office of education or charter school for any and all civil liability in relationship to the administration of the EpiPen.

Off-Site Use: SB 1266 exclusively applies to the use of the EpiPen at a school site. SB1266 does not address field trips or other off site school activities. The CSNO recommends that school nurses work with their districts to develop policies and procedures to address possible scenarios involving anaphylactic reactions during these activities.

Self Administration of Epinephrine by students: SB 1266 did not change these procedures.

Please contact ASCIP Risk Services Staff at (562) 404-8029 with any questions or concerns.

Additional Resources:

EpiPen's

<https://www.epipen4schools.com/>

Legislation

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB1266

Training

Training standards for the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors, these standards need to be updated as per the new legislation. The guidelines are useful for training purposes.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/epiadmin.asp>

Sample Forms in WORD format updated and revised in 2013 by CSNO

School District/Physician Agreement for Services

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/anaphylaxis_agreement_for_physician-revised_1.doc

Physician's Standing Order

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/anaphylaxis_standing_orders-revised_1.doc

Anaphylaxis Procedure

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/anaphalaxis_tx_procedures-revised_4.doc

Anaphylaxis Annual Notice

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/anaphalaxis_tx_annual_notice-revised_2.doc

Care Plan: Anaphylaxis FARE-FAAECF Aug 2013

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/fare_faaecp_august_2013.pdf