

Chapter 61

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Subject Use of epinephrine auto-injectors by authorized individuals

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Overview

This act authorizes individuals who complete an anaphylaxis training program to possess, provide, and administer epinephrine auto-injectors to persons believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis and extends the good samaritan immunity from liability to these individuals.

Summary

Section Description

1 Epinephrine auto-injector.

Amends § 144.999.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Adds a definition of authorized individual for this section, to mean an individual who completes the anaphylaxis training program in this section. Amends the definition of epinephrine auto-injector to include another delivery system, besides a single-use device that automatically injects a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human body, that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Subd. 2. Commissioner duties. No changes.

Subd. 3. Obtaining and storing epinephrine auto-injectors. Allows an authorized individual to obtain epinephrine auto-injectors from pharmacies, upon presentation of a certificate of training; and to possess them. Makes the authorized individual responsible for storing, maintaining, and control of the auto-injectors.

Subd. 4. Use of epinephrine auto-injectors. Allows an authorized individual to provide an auto-injector for immediate administration, or to use it to administer epinephrine, if the individual believes in good faith that a person is experiencing anaphylaxis. Provides that an authorized individual is not required to maintain a stock of auto-injectors. Specifies that the possession and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors at a public school are governed by another law.

Section Description

Subd. 5. Training. No changes.

Subd. 6. Good samaritan protections. Includes the following in the good samaritan immunity from general liability: authorized individuals who possess, make available, and administer epinephrine auto-injectors; and pharmacies or manufacturers that dispense epinephrine auto-injectors to authorized individuals.



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