

Carrying and Use of Inhalers

Grades K-12

While it is generally good practice for medication to be stored in the health room, there are times when, in the best interest of the child's health, it may be determined on a case to case basis that a student may carry an inhaler throughout the school day and on the bus. Each of these situations must be evaluated individually. The physician may, by written order, initiate the guidelines allowing the student to carry an inhaler during school hours.

Written physician order including prescription for use (drug, frequency, and precautions) and necessity to carry the inhaler on his/her person.

Parent's written consent for child to use specific medication at school and for child to carry an inhaler on his/her person.

The nurse will conference with parent and child regarding need for medication, expected results from the medication, and steps to be taken if those results are not obtained in the expected time frame. The Individualized Health Care Plan (IHP) and Emergency Care Plan (ECP) will be reviewed with the student, parent, and appropriate school personnel.

The student will demonstrate the ability to properly use the inhaler, agree to self-chart times the inhaler is used and see the nurse if desired effects are not obtained within the expected time frame. The student will express understanding of safety factors and responsibility related to carrying an inhaler. If it is learned that the student is not complying with physician's instructions or demonstrates lack of ability or understanding in the use of the inhaler, the nurse will notify those involved to review the situation and make necessary changes in the health care plan.

The situation will be re-evaluated anytime there are major changes in the child's asthmatic/respiratory condition and/or treatment plan, and in the event that the child misuses the inhaler or shows lack of responsibility in handling an inhaler.

The student, parent, building principal, and school nurse will sign the "Consent for Carrying and Use of Inhaler" form each school year.

In order for a student to have access to an inhaler at all times, it is required that one nearly empty inhaler be kept in the health room as a back up to the one carried by the student. The second one can be utilized if the student should come to school without an inhaler, or if the one carried malfunctions or is depleted during the school day.

SMITHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services

Consent for Carrying and Use of Inhaler

While it is generally good practice for medical equipment to be stored in the health room, there are times when in the best interest of the student's health it may be determined on a case to case basis that a student may carry an inhaler throughout the school day and on the bus.

The completion of this checklist will provide accurate communication between student, parent, physician, and school personnel.

_____ Written physician/health care provider order including prescription for use (drug, frequency and precautions) and indicating the necessity for the student to carry the inhaler on his/her person.

Note: This may be on physician stationery, prescription pad, or Smithville Medication Authorization form.

_____ Parent's written consent for student to use specific medication at school, for the student to carry the medication on his/her person and for the nurse to talk with the physician/health care provider. A Confidential Emergency Information for Transportation form will be filled out and signed by parent if indicated.

Note: Smithville Medication Authorization form.

_____ The nurse conferences with the parent and student regarding the need for the medication, expected results from the medication and steps to be taken if those results are not obtained within the expected time frame. The Individualized Health Care Plan (IHP) and Emergency Care Plan (ECP) are reviewed with the student, parent and appropriate school personnel.

_____ The student will demonstrate ability to properly use the inhaler and self-chart times it is used and see the nurse if desired results are not obtained within the expected time frame. Student will express understanding of safety factors and responsibility related to carrying the medication.

_____ The situation may be re-evaluated anytime there are major changes in the student's asthmatic condition and/or treatment plan and in the event that the student misuses the medication or shows lack of responsibility in handling the inhaler.

Smithville School District and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of medication and that the parents/guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the student's self-administration of medication. Permission for the student to self-administer medication for asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness is effective for the school year for which it is granted and is renewed for each subsequent school year upon meeting the conditions set forth above. (BOE.JHCD-AFI.)

Based on the above information, we understand that it is necessary for _____
to carry _____ on his/her person at school and on the bus for the _____ school year.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

Principal _____ Date _____

Nurse _____ Date _____