Opportunities For Learning
Public Charter Schools

MEDICATION POLICY

The Governing Board (the "Board") of OFL ("Charter School") has adopted the following policy regarding the administration of medication during school hours.

Purpose of Policy

To ensure the safe, accurate administration of medication to students during school hours or during school sponsored activities in compliance with applicable provisions of the California Education Code, other relevant laws, and safe practices. [See, e.g., California Education Code §§ 49414, 49414.3, 49423, 49423.1 and 49480]

Policy

No student shall be allowed to take medication during school hours unless the Charter School has received a complete and signed authorization to administer medication form ("Medication Form"), samples of which are attached hereto, from the student's parent/legal guardian and an authorized health care provider (defined herein below) who is responsible for the medical treatment of the student. All medications, including nutritional supplements, herbal remedies, prescription, and over the counter medication taken by students during school hours are subject to this policy and shall require a complete and signed Medication Form. Using one of the sample Medication Forms attached hereto is recommended but not required. Forms specific to asthma, seizures, diabetes, and allergies may be utilized in place of the Medication Form for students requiring medications for these conditions. Please contact the Principal for more information about the alternative forms.

Except in emergency situations as set forth herein, only a School Nurse may administer medication to a student. Other school personnel may not administer medication but may assist the student with self-administering medication. Students may carry and self-administer medication only if the Charter School has received an appropriate Medication Form, and the self-administration must be observed by the School Nurse or other school personnel.

Whenever possible, medication should be administered at home and outside of school hours. This may require slight adjustments of the medication schedule which should be discussed with the authorized health care provider (defined herein below) and/or pharmacist. Emergency medications and other medications that are required on an "as needed" basis such as "rapid" or "fast-acting" inhalers, emergency seizure medication, emergency hypoglycemia medication, and epinephrine auto-injectors are recommended to be provided to the Charter School in accordance with this policy and available at all times. If a Medication Form is not received for these medications and the medication is needed at school, the emergency medical services system may be activated unless the parent or legal guardian is available to administer the medication or to transport the student for treatment.

Whenever required or practicable, the Charter School will ensure:

- The necessary medical documentation is received and reviewed by a School Nurse,
- Faculty has been properly trained, and
- All necessary supplies including emergency medications are obtained prior to a student's first day of attendance.

Emergency Medication for Anaphylaxis

In accordance with Education Code Section 49414, the Charter School shall provide emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to a School Nurse or trained personnel who have volunteered, and a School Nurse or trained

personnel may use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. A School Nurse, or trained personnel who have volunteered if a School Nurse is not onsite or available, may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis at school or a school activity when a physician is not immediately available. If the epinephrine auto-injector is used, it shall be restocked as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two (2) weeks after it is used. Epinephrine auto-injectors shall be restocked before their expiration date.

Emergency Medication for Opioid Overdose

In accordance with Education Code Section 49414.3, the Charter School may elect to make emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available for the purpose of providing emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. In determining whether to make this medication available, the Charter School shall evaluate the emergency medical response time to the school and determine whether initiating emergency medical services is an acceptable alternative to providing an opioid antagonist and training personnel to administer the medication.

A School Nurse, or trained personnel who have volunteered if a School Nurse is not onsite or available, may administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to a person exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of an opioid overdose at school or a school activity when a physician is not immediately available. If the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist is used, it shall be restocked as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than two (2) weeks after it is used. Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist shall be restocked before its expiration date. Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist may be administered by nasal spray or by auto-injector, whichever the School Nurse or trained personnel is most comfortable with.

Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated, the definitions under Education Code Sections 49414 and 49414.3 and under 5 CCR Section 601 apply to this policy.

"Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or another drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body and that has been approved for the treatment of an opioid overdose.

"Trained personnel" means any individual employed by or contracted with the Charter School, including a nonmedical employee, who has volunteered or consented to administer medication, has been trained by qualified medical personnel, and who may legally administer the medication to the student or otherwise assist the student in the administration of the medication. It is recommended that these employees be CPR, AED and first aid certified.

"Authorized health care provider" means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe medication, which may include:

- California licensed physicians and surgeons,
- California licensed dentists,
- California licensed nurse practitioner (must include the furnishing number and the name, address, and telephone number of the supervising physician), and/or
- California licensed physician assistants.

"School Nurse" means an individual employed by the Charter School, or under contract with the Charter School, who is a currently licensed registered nurse and is credentialed pursuant to Education Code Section 44877.

Authorization to Administer Medication Form

The Medication Form must:

- Include the student's name and date of birth,
- Include the name of the medication to be administered and the reason for administration,
- State that the parent/legal guardian consents to and authorizes the Charter School to assist the student with the administration of medication during school hours as instructed by the authorized health care provider on the Medication Form,
- Be signed by a parent/legal guardian or adult student,
- Be signed by the authorized health care provider and include a written statement from such authorized health care provider detailing:
    - The method, dosage/amount, and frequency/schedule by which such medication is to be taken at school,
    - Any possible side effects of such medication, and
    - For medication prescribed on an as needed basis (PRN), the specific symptoms that necessitate administration of medication, the allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation,
- Include the name, address, telephone number and signature of the authorized health care provider,
- State that the parent/legal guardian consents to and authorizes other designated school personnel to contact the pharmacist, authorized health care provider, and/or student's physician should questions arise with regard to the administration of medication at school,
- State that the parent/legal guardian agrees to provide the necessary medication, supplies and equipment,
- State that the parent/legal guardian agrees to immediately notify the Charter School if there is a change in the student's medication, health status, or authorized health care provider who prescribed the medication, and
- State that the parent/legal guardian agrees to immediately notify the Charter School and provide new consent for any changes in the authorized health care provider's authorizations regarding the medication.

For a student to carry and self-administer medication, the Medication Form must also include the following:

- Written confirmation from the authorized health care provider that, in their opinion, the student is able to competently self-carry and safely self-administer the medication according to the authorized health care provider's instructions on the Medication Form,
- Parent/legal guardian consent for the student to self-carry and self-administer medication while at school, and
- Parent/legal guardian release of the Charter School and school personnel from civil liability if the self-administering student suffers an adverse reaction by self-administering medication while at school.

The Medication Form must be renewed/updated at least annually or whenever there have been changes in the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, reason for administration, or authorized health care provider. Parents/legal guardians may rescind the consent granted by the Medication Form at any time by submitting a statement as such in writing to the Charter School.

Responsibility of the Charter School and School Administration

1. To establish and carry out procedures and processes in accordance with this policy to ensure the safe and accurate administration of medication to students during school hours or school sponsored activities, including the delivery, administration, documentation and return or disposal of medication.
2. To address emergency preparedness and planning for school sponsored events in the procedures and processes.
3. To inform parents/legal guardians, students and school staff of the policy and procedures for the administration of medication at the Charter School.
4. To inform parents/legal guardians of their responsibilities as specified in Education Code Section 49480.
5. To provide for the training of school personnel by qualified medical personnel in the appropriate assistance with or administration of medication and management of specific medical conditions.

6. To provide for the appropriate maintenance of student medication records.
7. To provide for the safe and secure storage of student medication at the Charter School as specified by the manufacturer.
8. To develop procedures and processes in accordance with this policy, Education Code Section 49414 and other applicable laws and regulations in the proper obtainment, use, maintenance of records of use, and training of personnel in the use of epinephrine auto-injectors by the Charter School.
9. <u>If the Charter School elects to stock emergency opioid antagonists to be administered in emergency situations:</u>
    a. <u>Initial training and annual refresher training will be provided to volunteers at no cost to the volunteers and during the volunteers' working hours.</u> Written training materials prepared by the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be retained at the school for reference.
    b. An annual notice will be distributed to all staff containing the following information:
        i. A description of the volunteer request stating that the request is for volunteers to be trained to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to a person if the person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from an opioid overdose.
        ii. A description of the training that the volunteer will receive.
        iii. The right of an employee to rescind their offer to volunteer.
        iv. A statement that no benefit will be granted to or withheld from any individual based on his or her offer to volunteer and that there will be no retaliation against any individual for rescinding their offer to volunteer, including after receiving training.
    c. The Charter School will maintain records regarding acquisition and disposition of opioid antagonists for three (3) years.
    d. A School Nurse or other qualified school personnel will obtain a prescription for opioid antagonists from an authorizing physician and surgeon for the Charter School, stock opioid antagonists, and restock them if used or expired.
    e. Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the Charter School for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for emergency aid shall be provided to each volunteer and retained in their personnel file.
    f. The Charter School may accept gifts, grants, or donations from any source for the support of the Charter School in carrying out the requirements of Education Code Section 49414.3, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist from a manufacturer or wholesaler.

<u>Responsibility of Parents, Legal Guardians and Adult Students</u>

1. The parent/legal guardian or adult student is required to inform a School Nurse or other designated certificated school personnel of any medication being taken for a non-episodic condition as well as the current dosage and the name of the supervising physician.
2. The parent/legal guardian or adult student is required to timely provide the Charter School with their updated contact information including phone numbers, residential addresses, mailing addresses, and email addresses when changes occur.
3. If medication is to be brought on campus or administered at school or a school sponsored activity, the parent/guardian or adult student must provide a complete and signed written statement that includes all the elements described in the "Authorization to Administer Medication Form" section of this policy. They must also provide directly to the Charter School the medication and all necessary supplies in properly labeled containers.
4. In addition to the requirements above, if a parent/legal guardian wishes to designate a relative or close friend of the family who is not an employee of the Charter School ("Parent Designee") to administer medication to his/her minor student at school or a school sponsored activity as permitted under Business and Professions Code (Nursing Practice Act) Section 2727(a), then the parent/legal guardian's signed written statement shall clearly identify the Parent Designee's name and relation to the student, and shall state the Parent Designee's willingness to accept the designation, that the

Parent Designee is permitted to be on the school site for this purpose, and any limitations on the Parent Designee's authority.