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Summary HB 1351 PN 1848

This legislation creates the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Entity Act to permit authorized entities to acquire epinephrine auto-injectors and have them available in case an individual on their premises experiences anaphylaxis.

Authorized entities are organizations or entities other than schools which may have allergens present that could cause anaphylaxis. These entities must also have an employee or agent who completes an anaphylaxis training program as required by the Department of Health (DOH). Such entities may include camps, colleges, day cares, restaurants, sports arenas, places of employment or other similar venues.

Health care practitioners may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the authorized entity and dispensers are authorized to dispense the epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the authorized entity.

Authorized entities are permitted to acquire and stock a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to their prescription. The supply must be stored in a readily accessible location in accordance with the standards established by the manufacturer and the department. The authorized entity shall designate an employee or agent who has completed the DOH training to be responsible for the storage, maintenance, control and general oversight of the injectors.

Employees or agents of the authorized entity who have completed the training may provide or administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any individual who they, in good faith, believe is experiencing anaphylaxis. They may also provide the injector to the parent, guardian or caretaker of the individual. A script specific to that individual is not necessary.

Training for employees or agents of an entity shall be conducted by a nationally recognized organization experienced in training laypersons in emergency health treatment or an organization approved by DOH. Training may be online or in person and shall include:

- How to recognize severe allergic reactions
- Storage and administration of the epinephrine auto-injectors and
- Emergency follow-up procedures

The training entity shall issue a certificate of completion to each individual completing the training.

Good Samaritan protections are included for authorized entities, employees and agents, prescribers, dispensers, and trainers absent gross negligence or intentional misconduct. The administration of the injector shall not be considered the practice of medicine and no other immunity or defense shall be eliminated or reduced. This does not affect an authorized entity's legal exposure for the provision of an epinephrine auto-injector outside the Commonwealth.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

A08504 – Clarifies that an entity is not authorized until an employee or agent completes the required training and only health care practitioners with prescriptive authority may prescribe the epinephrine auto-injector.