

280.16A Epinephrine auto-injector, bronchodilator canister, or bronchodilator canister and spacer supply.

1. For purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Bronchodilator” means the same as defined in [section 280.16](#).
 - b. “Bronchodilator canister” means the same as defined in [section 280.16](#).
 - c. “Epinephrine auto-injector” means the same as provided in [section 280.16](#).
 - d. “Licensed health care professional” means the same as provided in [section 280.16](#).
 - e. “Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator” means a school nurse or other employee of a school district or accredited nonpublic school trained and authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector, a bronchodilator canister, or a bronchodilator canister and spacer.
 - f. “School nurse” means a registered nurse holding current licensure recognized by the board of nursing who practices in the school setting to promote and protect the health of the school population by using knowledge from the nursing, social, and public health sciences.
 - g. “Spacer” means the same as defined in [section 280.16](#).
2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a licensed health care professional may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers in the name of a school district or accredited nonpublic school to be maintained for use as provided in [this section](#).
3. The board of directors in charge of each school district and the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school may obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers and maintain a supply of such epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers in a secure location at each school for use as provided in [this section](#). The board and the authorities shall replace epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers in the supply upon use or expiration. Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator may possess and administer epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, or bronchodilator canisters and spacers, as applicable, from the supply as provided in [this section](#).
4. Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator may provide or administer an epinephrine auto-injector, a bronchodilator canister, or a bronchodilator canister and spacer, as applicable, from the school’s supply to a student or other individual if such personnel reasonably and in good faith believe the student or other individual is having an anaphylactic reaction or requires treatment for respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway constricting disease.
5. The following persons, provided they have acted reasonably and in good faith, shall not be liable for any injury arising from the provision, administration, or assistance in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, a bronchodilator canister, or a bronchodilator canister and spacer as provided in [this section](#):
 - a. Any personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator who, as applicable, provide, administer, or assist in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to a student or other individual present at the school who such personnel believe to be having an anaphylactic reaction or in the administration of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator canister and spacer to a student or other individual present at the school who such personnel believe to require treatment for respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway constricting disease.
 - b. A school district or accredited nonpublic school employing the personnel.
 - c. The board of directors in charge of the school district or authorities in charge of the accredited nonpublic school.
 - d. The prescriber of the epinephrine auto-injector, the bronchodilator canister, or the bronchodilator canister and spacer.
6. The department of education, the board of medicine, the board of nursing, and the board of pharmacy shall, in consultation with an organization representing school nurses, adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to implement and administer [this section](#), including but not limited to standards and procedures for the prescription, distribution, storage, disposal,

replacement, and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers, and for training and authorization to be required for personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator.

[2015 Acts, ch 68, §3](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1126, §2](#)

Section amended