



# 2014 Michigan Epinephrine Highlights Auto-Injector Laws

**Public Act 186** allows prescribers to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense epinephrine auto-injectors to school boards.

**Public Act 187** requires (in time for the 2014-2015 school year):

- MDE, in conjunction with MDCH and input from health and education entities, to make appropriate revisions to the current [Medication Administration Guidelines](#). Revisions must include specific training needs and requirements for administration, maintenance, and storage of stock epinephrine auto-injectors (junior and regular doses). (The revised guidelines will be provided to Michigan schools by June, 2014, MDE Memo, 2-6-14)
- Local school boards to develop and implement policies consistent with MDE's revised Medication Administration Guidelines and provide for the possession of at least two epinephrine auto-injectors in each of its school buildings.
  - ✓ Each school building must have a minimum of two employees trained in the appropriate use and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (minimum of one trained employee if a building operates with less than 10 instructional and administrative staff).
  - ✓ Training must be conducted under the supervision of, and shall include evaluation by, a registered nurse.
  - ✓ Trained employees are authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student who has a prescription on file at the school.
  - ✓ Trained employees are authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any other individual on school grounds who is believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction.
  - ✓ Parent or guardian must be notified if epinephrine auto-injector has been administered.
  - ✓ Local school districts to report at least annually to MDE:
    - The number of times an epinephrine auto-injector was administered to a student at school;
    - The number of students who were administered an epinephrine auto-injector who were not previously known to have a severe allergy; and
    - The number of students who were administered an epinephrine auto-injector at school from the school's stock of epinephrine auto-injectors.
  - ✓ Local school boards to attempt to secure funding to meet the requirements of [Section 1179a of PA 187](#) (see reverse for a funding option for the stock epinephrine auto-injectors portion of the requirements). Local school boards may apply to MDE for reimbursement of unfunded costs of complying with the requirements.
  - ✓ The legislature to appropriate funding for making reimbursement.