**Title: 4180 DISPENSING MEDICATION**

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| 24 P.S. § 13-1317  Act 86 of 2016 | **4180 Dispensing Medication**  School districts may not assign the medication administration function to the school administrators, teachers, or other personnel under the doctrine of ―in loco parentis.  There are other reasons, in addition to legal constraints, not to permit administration of medication by someone who has no training. The primary reason is that administering medications requires the judgment and assessment skills of a licensed nurse. Even in those states where delegation is permitted, parameters for delegation do not permit delegation of the functions of assessment, evaluation and nursing judgment. Judgment and assessment skills are used to determine, for example, whether to administer or withhold a medication, or to consult a student‘s primary care provider. Consider the situation when a student reports to the nurse to receive a second dose of an antibiotic and presents with a generalized rash. After assessment, a nurse may decide to withhold the dose because the nurse suspects the student may be having an allergic reaction to the medication. The nurse would then consult with the student‘s primary care provider to determine the plan of care.  For many students with chronic health conditions, assessments may be necessary with each visit to the office for medication. School administrators, teachers and other unlicensed school personnel do not have the training to conduct the type of assessment illustrated by the above example.  The following emergency medications may be administered by school staff (licensed and non-licensed with proper training and school policy):   * Epinephrine Auto-injectors; * Narcan (naloxone); * Rescue Asthma Inhalers; * Glucagon.   In accordance with standard medical practice, a medication order from a licensed prescriber should contain:   1. Student‘s name; 2. Name and signature of the licensed prescriber and phone number; 3. Name of the medication; 4. Route and dosage of medication 5. Frequency and time of medication administration; 6. Date of the order and discontinuation date; 7. Specific directions for administration, if necessary.   A Medication Log is to be kept at each school building and filled out as medication is administered.  SEE 4180 ATTACHMENT I |