

Camp Bishopswood Emergency Medication Self Administration Policy

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions will be used:

Emergency medications are defined as medications required to treat and /or arrest acute allergic reactions and respiratory distress. Some examples include but are not limited to:

Epinephrine auto injectors

Rescue inhalers (i.e.: Albuterol, Ventolin)

Benadryl (diphenhydramine)

Self-Administration is defined as the ability to determine the need for medication and appropriately deliver the medication to oneself.

Camp Treatment Protocols allow for campers to carry and self-administer emergency medications **as ordered by their primary care physician (PCP)**, when needed, **with the permission of the camper's parent/ guardian. A statement from the child's PCP indicating the child is capable of self-administration of the emergency medicine must accompany the order.** SEE Camp Bishopswood Emergency Medication Form.

It is the camper's parent/guardian in collaboration with Health Care Supervisor (HCS) or designee who will evaluate and determine if the camper is appropriate for self-administration at camp.

If the camper is determined to be capable of self-administration, a fanny pack will be issued to the camper. The medication is required to be on his/her person at all times with the following exceptions:

When the camper is showering

When the camper is swimming or doing "wet" activities

When the camper is in bed

At these times, the medication must be within direct sight of the camper or placed in the custody of a staff member. Under no circumstances should another camper touch the fanny pack or medication.

Camper must report use of emergency medication to the HCS or nearest staff member. Camper use of emergency medication must be reported to the HCS as soon as possible and appropriate action taken if needed. Use of an epinephrine auto-injector requires the summoning of EMS.

Failure, by the camper to follow this policy will result in the camper being determined ineligible for self-administration.

If the camper is determined to be ineligible for self-administration, the emergency medication will be kept in the Great Hall medication closet where staff members will be able to access it at any time.

The following procedure will be used by the Health Care Supervisor to determine self-administration eligibility:

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When a camper arrives at camp with a prescribed Epinephrine auto injector or a rescue inhaler, **and a note from his/her PCP stating camper is capable of self-administration**, the Health Care Supervisor or designee will review the options listed on the Camp Bishopswood Emergency Medication Form with the camper's parent/guardian. If the parent opts for self-administration the HCS will evaluate the camper's eligibility.

The Health Care Supervisor or designee will review proper handling, usage and indications for usage of the medication with the camper and his/her parent or guardian.

The Health Care Supervisor or designee will evaluate the camper's ability to appropriately handle the medication, to correctly identify how and when the medication should be used. The camper will be asked to explain and demonstrate the knowledge necessary to correctly self-administer the medication.

The Health Care Supervisor or designee (HCS) will explain to the camper that the medication must be on his/her person at all times. A "fanny pack" to carry the medication will be provided. Exceptions will be made for showering, swimming, and sleeping at which time the medication must be within view of the camper or placed in the custody of a staff member to supervise. Under no circumstances, will the medication be touched by any other camper. The HCS will explain that failure to abide by the rules will result in loss of eligibility to self-administer.

The camper will immediately report any usage of emergency medication to a staff member.

The HCS will document that the camper has been determined eligible to self-administer emergency medication on the Medication Administration Record (MAR)
The HCS will document use of any emergency medication on the MAR.