

AN ACT relating to emergency epinephrine auto-injectors in child-care centers and family child-care homes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 199.892 TO 199.896 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A child-care center licensed under KRS 199.896 and a family child-care home certified under KRS 199.8982 may comply with KRS 311.646 and obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors. These epinephrine auto-injectors shall be stored in a secure, accessible, readily available location not accessible to children, for quick administration.

(2) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations governing epinephrine auto-injectors in licensed child-care centers and certified family child-care homes, including:

(a) Any center-or home- specific requirements that the cabinet deems necessary for the safe storage and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors; and

(b) A written plan of action in case of an emergency necessitating the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector in a center or home.

➔Section 2. KRS 311.645 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 311.645 to 311.647:

- (1) "Anaphylaxis" means an allergic reaction resulting from sensitization following prior contact with an antigen which can be a life-threatening emergency, including reactions triggered by, among other agents, foods, drugs, injections, insect stings, and physical activity;
- (2) "Administer" means to directly apply an epinephrine auto-injector to the body of an individual;
- (3) "Authorized entity" means an entity that may at any time have allergens present that are capable of causing a severe allergic reaction and has an individual who holds a

certificate issued under KRS 311.646 on the premises or officially associated with the entity. The term includes but is not limited to *licensed child-care centers and certified family child-care homes*, restaurants, recreation camps, youth sports leagues, theme parks and resorts, and sports arenas;

- (4) "Certified individual" means an individual who successfully completes an approved educational training program and obtain a certificate, as described in KRS 311.646;
- (5) "Epinephrine auto-injector" means a single-use device used to administer a premeasured dose of epinephrine;
- (6) "Health-care practitioner" means a physician or other health-care provider who has prescriptive authority; and
- (7) "Self-administration" means an individual's administration of an epinephrine auto-injector on herself or himself.