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A. AUTHORIZATION

1. The administration of medication, in accordance with the direction of a physician, to a student during school hours will be permitted only in the event that:
 - a. failure to administer such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or would prevent the student from attending school if the medicine were not made available during school hours and is consented to by a parent or guardian;
 - b. it is a necessary component of a student's accommodation plan or service agreement, as defined by state and federal law, or a component of a student's individualized education program or treatment plan, as defined by state and federal law, and is consented to by a parent or guardian;
 - c. it is necessary due to a student being at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose and the dispensing of Naloxone may circumvent a life threatening episode; or
 - d. it is necessary due to a student experiencing a life threatening allergic reaction and the dispensing of an Epinephrine Injection may circumvent a life threatening episode.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. For purposes of this policy:
 - a. "Medication" shall mean any drug prescribed by a physician, including drugs for injection, any patent drug, or any non-prescription medication.
 - b. "Possession" shall include carrying, storing, or controlling medication or equipment necessary for administration of medication by students on their way to or from school or while on school property or at any school sponsored activity.

C. GUIDELINES

1. Medication will be administered only to the extent consistent with this policy, upon receipt of the written consent by the student's parent or guardian when required by this policy or as directed and authorized by a student's accommodation plan or service agreement or individualized education program.
2. The Executive Director or designee shall develop procedures for the administration of medication in the various locations/sites of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit. Such procedures shall, at a minimum, require that all medications be administered by a certified school nurse, registered nurse, or by other CLIU personnel or district personnel when a nurse is unavailable.

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- 35 3. The school nurse, registered nurse, district personnel, or CLIU personnel shall have only such
36 authority to administer medication as the parent or guardian has specifically conveyed in writing
37 when required by this policy.
- 38 4. All medication is to be stored in a locked cabinet or closet and be accessible only to authorized
39 CLIU personnel. For a student who, because of a special medical condition, must carry
40 medication on his or her person, the student's parent or guardian shall provide physician's
41 recommendation evidencing this need and give consent for the CLIU personnel to confer with the
42 physician regarding this medical condition. The school nurse or designated CLIU personnel will
43 provide written approval for a student to carry medication on his or her person in the event of a
44 bona fide request.