

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Continued concern for the health and safety of your child in the Pen Argyl Area School District has prompted a change in the medication distribution policy and procedure. If your child needs to take medication in school, prescription or “over-the-counter”, the procedure is as follows:

As a provided service, medication, including over-the-counter medication, will be administered to students in the regular school setting and only in circumstances when the child’s health may be jeopardized without it. **Written authorization**, signed by the physician, psychiatrist, or dentist and the parent or legal guardian must be provided for each separate prescription or medication being administered to each student. If a dosage is changed, a new written authorization from the doctor and parent or guardian is required. Authorization will terminate with the expiration date of the prescription or at the end of the school year, whichever occurs first. This applies to prescription and over the counter medications.

Medication must be delivered to the school nurse by the parent, legal guardian, or authorized adult designee in the original medication container and in an amount not to exceed a 20-school day supply. Students are not to have medication in their possession at any time per school district drug and alcohol policy (except physician authorized self-administered inhalant medications, Epi-Pens, Insulin and Glucagon).

Any medication deemed necessary for students to self carry, shall be prescribed by a licensed practitioner and documented on the Pen Argyl Area School District Authorization for Medication during school hours. The parent/guardian shall also sign this form. The prescribing physician shall indicate that it is necessary for the student to carry the medication and that the student is capable of self administration. The school nurse shall assess that the student is competent is self care through demonstration of administration skills. If the student does not demonstrate responsible behavior while carrying prescribed medications, the ability to self-carry may be revoked and a new plan shall be established with the prescribing physician.

Medication sent to school in violation of this policy will not be administered to a student.

AS PER THE PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCEDURES FOR FIRST AID AND MEDICATION

Persons administering the medication will destroy unused medication not picked up by a parent or guardian within (5) calendar days following the termination date contained in written instruction.

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