

# COMET CARE EPI PEN POLICY

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have informed Comet Care that your child has a history of anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergy).

Under *New Jersey State Law (PL 1997 c368)*, an unlicensed, trained volunteer may give auto-injectable epinephrine via a device such as an EPI PEN, ADRENACLIVK or AUVIQ in the absence of licensed medical personnel/nurse. Please be aware that this law is for auto-injectable epinephrine only. Non-nursing personnel CANNOT give any other medication. Only medical personnel can make the physical assessment necessary to carry out an order to give other medication such as Benadryl. Existing medical conditions that would have to be differentiated from symptoms of impending anaphylaxis also disqualify coverage under this law.

A licensed school nurse is in the school building from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during regular school days. During that time, orders that include Benadryl can be honored. Please make sure that your child has the nurse administer any medication before coming to the Comet Care after school program. Outside of those hours, the only orders for medication administration that can be honored by Comet Care staff are for auto-injectable epinephrine only.

Please know that your child's safety and well-being is our very important to us. In order to work together to provide your child with necessary treatment, we are requesting that you complete a separate set of orders/instruction for the Comet Care staff that are for auto-injectable epinephrine administration only during the hours that a nurse is not present in the building.

Please contact the Comet Care office to receive the following forms needed.

- Physician's form documenting history of anaphylaxis
- Comet Care medication form completed by your physician and parent
- Emergency health care plan for anaphylactic reaction
- Emergency Administration of Epinephrine Via Auto -Injector

In addition, please note that your child must wear a medical bracelet to guarantee accurate identification by the trained volunteer.

Please feel free to contact Comet Care at 856/467-4091 or [info@cometcare.com](mailto:info@cometcare.com) with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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