Highlights of the new Epinephrine auto-injector laws...

Public Act 186 allows prescribers to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense epinephrine auto-injectors to school boards.


- MDE, in conjunction with MDCH and input from health and education entities, to make appropriate revisions to the current Medication Administration Guidelines. Revisions must include specific training needs and requirements for administration, maintenance, and storage of stock epinephrine auto-injectors (junior and regular doses). *(The revised guidelines will be provided to Michigan schools by June, 2014, MDE Memo, 2-6-14)*

- Local school boards to develop and implement policies consistent with MDE's revised Medication Administration Guidelines and provide for the possession of at least two epinephrine auto-injectors in each of its school buildings.
  - Each school building must have a minimum of two employees trained in the appropriate use and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (minimum of one trained employee if a building operates with less than 10 instructional and administrative staff).
  - Training must be conducted under the supervision of, and shall include evaluation by, a registered nurse.
  - Trained employees are authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student who has a prescription on file at the school.
  - Trained employees are authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any other individual on school grounds who is believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction.
  - Parent or guardian must be notified if epinephrine auto-injector has been administered.

- Local school districts to report at least annually to MDE:
  - The number of times an epinephrine auto-injector was administered to a student at school;
  - The number of students who were administered an epinephrine auto-injector who were not previously known to have a severe allergy; and
  - The number of students who were administered an epinephrine auto-injector at school from the school's stock of epinephrine auto-injectors.

- Local school boards to attempt to secure funding to meet the requirements of Section 1179a of PA 187 *(see reverse for a funding option for the stock epinephrine auto-injectors portion of the requirements)*. Local school boards may apply to MDE for reimbursement of unfunded costs of complying with the requirements.

- The legislature to appropriate funding for making reimbursement.