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2021 Wisconsin Act 218
[2021 Assembly Bill 337]

Epinephrine

BACKGROUND

State law permits a student to possess an epinephrine auto-injector with a physician's approval and to use the auto-injector if the student reasonably believes they are experiencing anaphylaxis. State law also permits a school or business, or other authorized individual, to receive training for, and possess and administer, an epinephrine auto-injector for a student or other person reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis.

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2021 Wisconsin Act 218 authorizes the use of an epinephrine prefilled syringe in the same manner as authorized for an epinephrine auto-injector in schools and other settings. A "prefilled syringe" is a device containing a dose of epinephrine for manual injection to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. The device must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

The act also authorizes the Department of Health Services to issue a statewide standing order to dispense epinephrine to persons who have completed the required training for administration of epinephrine, and similarly authorizes a health care practitioner to issue a standing order to dispense epinephrine to persons who have completed the required training.

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