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Every allergic reaction has the potential for developing into a life-threatening event known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is always a medical emergency as students can have the onset of symptoms within minutes, and if untreated, it can lead to collapse and death shortly thereafter.

Anaphylaxis is usually an immediate reaction occurring within seconds or minutes to an hour following exposure to an allergen (food, insect sting, latex, medication). There is no predictable pattern with anaphylaxis. Each subsequent episode may be the same, more severe, or less severe.

For severe allergic reactions, epinephrine is the drug of choice for treatment. Every student with a history of anaphylaxis should have at least one emergency kit in the health office. Some students may have additional kits at school or may carry a kit with them.

Individuals not known to be at risk of anaphylaxis

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146.81 - 146.83 Confidentiality of patient health care records]
PI 8.01(2)(g) Wisconsin Administrative Code Emergency nursing
services requirements; medication administration procedures required

CROSS REF.: 5434 Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use
5531 Emergency Care Services

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A. Required Written Statements

1. Copies of all required written directions of a physician and written consent of a parent/guardian pertaining to administration of medication to a student shall be filed in the school nurse's or principal's office.
2. The practitioner providing the direction and prescribing the medication must state in writing, either on the prescription or in a letter, the name of the student, the name of the drug including strength, dosage, time indications, and duration of the prescription; the specific conditions under which he/she should be contacted regarding the condition or reactions of the student receiving the prescription medication. The practitioner must also express a willingness to accept communication from the person dispensing or administering the prescription medication.

B. Medication Administration

1. Designated school employees i.e. health/information assistants, principals, secretaries, teachers, counselors, will dispense and administer medication at the elementary and middle school level.
2. Senior high school students will be allowed to administer their own medication with written parent/guardian permission. Any secondary school student needing prescription medication during school hours must have the prescription on file in the nurse's office. If a student is unable to administer his/her own medication, a designated school employee will assume this responsibility.
3. Parents/guardians of students taking medications labeled twice daily shall administer these at home, unless otherwise ordered by a practitioner.
4. Parents/guardians of students taking medications labeled three times daily shall administer the first and last dosage, unless otherwise ordered by a practitioner - designated personnel shall administer the middle dosage.
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