FDACB-Health Requirements and Services: Student Self-Treatment for Asthma or Diabetes

Student Self-Administration of Asthma or Diabetes Medication

Under Policy FDAC, elementary and middle school students are prohibited from carrying or self-administering medication on school premises except in certain limited circumstances. However, elementary and middle school students may carry and self-administer prescription or non-prescription asthma or diabetes medications provided that the student's parent or guardian has previously provided the school with a written request and written health care provider approval.

The written request must state that the parent or guardian authorizes the student to have and use the asthma or diabetes medication while acknowledging that the student is responsible for, and capable of, self-administering the asthma or diabetes medication.

The health care provider approval must specifically identify the prescription or nonprescription asthma or diabetes medication prescribed or authorized for the student's use and must state that:

1) the provider finds that it is medically appropriate for the student to self-administer the asthma or diabetes medication and keep the medication with or readily available to him or her at all times.

If the medication is to be stored other than on the student's person, the student or parent/guardian shall inform the school nurse or administration where the medication will be kept to enable access for emergency use.

The student shall only use prescription asthma or diabetes medication as directed by a health care provider's written orders, and shall use non-

prescription asthma or diabetes medication in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Utah Code Ann 53A-11-602 (2004)

Utah Code Ann 53A-11-604 (2007)

Medication Sharing Prohibited

No student is permitted to sell, share, or otherwise give to others any medication, prescription or non-prescription. Violations of this policy are subject to disciplinary action under the school's drug policies.