

## OASN/ODH Board/Superintendent Policy Template for:

### Non-Individual Specific Asthma Inhaler Policy

As mandated by Sections 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, 3328.30 of the Revised Code, this policy is intended to create a framework for accommodating individuals with asthma symptoms.

The district will obtain a prescriber-issued protocol specifying definitive orders for asthma inhalers with or without spacers including dosages of medication to be administered, the number of times that each inhaler may be used before disposal and method of disposal. This prescriber shall be a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

#### **Procurement**

The school district may procure asthma inhalers with or without spacers through purchase or may accept donations of them from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code. The district may accept donations of money to purchase asthma inhalers with or without spacers.

#### **Location, Replacement and Disposal**

Building level administration shall be responsible for identifying one or more locations in the school in which an inhaler must be stored. Inhalers must be stored in a safe, secure, accessible, locked location in accordance with ORC 3313.713 that will allow for rapid, life-saving administration.

Inhalers that have expired should be disposed of according to manufacturer's guidelines. Used and expired inhalers shall be replaced in a reasonable time period.

#### **Specifications of individuals who can provide a dosage of an asthma inhaler to an individual in an emergency situation**

Building level administration shall be responsible for identifying individuals employed by or under contract with the district board, in addition to the school nurse licensed under section 3319.221 of the Revised Code or an athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 4755 of the Revised Code, who may access and use an asthma inhaler to provide a dose to an individual in an emergency situation.

Identified individuals specified above, other than a school nurse or athletic trainer, must complete training based on the protocol developed with the prescriber before being authorized to access and use an asthma inhaler. Only trained personnel should administer an asthma inhaler to a person believed to be having asthma symptoms. Emergency medical services must be requested immediately after an asthma inhaler is used by an employee or contractor, other than a school nurse, athletic trainer, or another licensed health professional.

#### **Usage**

Identified and trained individuals may administer an asthma inhaler to students, school employees or contractors, school visitors and other individuals in the school building in an emergency situation when a person exhibits signs and symptoms of asthma on school premises during the school day.

#### **Reporting**

The district will report each procurement of and occurrence in which an asthma inhaler is used to the department of education per protocol.