



Rescue Inhalers In Schools

RSA 200:54-200:57

Summary Of The Law

These sections of RSA 200 allow schools to obtain and keep a supply of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers for student use during an asthma emergency.

Prescribing Authority

- School board authorizes the school nurse to maintain the medication supply
- A healthcare practitioner can prescribe rescue medications to the school district

Student Eligibility

- Student must have an asthma action plan on file, updated annually
- Student's health provider must provide dosage information and permission to use school stock in an emergency
- School must have written permission from the parent

Reporting Requirements

- School must produce an annual report summarizing use of meds and equipment
- If emergency school stock was used on a child, schools must notify parents as soon as possible

School Personnel

- To administer a rescue inhaler, a school employee must be designated by the school nurse and must have completed asthma training conducted by the school nurse
- The school nurse will maintain a list of those who have completed an asthma training program
- The asthma training program must consist of:
 - An initial training and an annual refresher course based on training programs by the NH School Nurses' Association, the National Association of School Nurses, and the American Lung Association
 - Techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe respiratory distress
 - Standards and procedures for storage
 - Administration of the bronchodilator with spacer or nebulizer

Guidance from Department Of Education

- The Department of Education, in consultation with the NH School Nurses Association and the American Lung Association, shall provide guidelines for this policy to all schools

Immunity

- Immunity against liability is built into the legislation provided that any damages are not caused by the willful disregard for the requirement