



August 12, 2024

Wisconsin Asthma Coalition
Attn: Carissa Hoium, MPH
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Re: 2023 Wisconsin Act 195 relating to supplying and using short-acting bronchodilators at schools

Dear Wisconsin Asthma Coalition:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction offers this letter of support to your organization, schools, school districts and other stakeholders throughout Wisconsin to facilitate understanding of recent enacted legislation to obtain undesignated short-acting bronchodilators for use on school premises or at a school-sponsored event. The summary of the legislation below should provide education and decrease confusion when filling undesignated prescriptions on behalf of schools.

2023 Wisconsin Act 195 was enacted on March 22, 2024. This legislation allows the governing body of a school to adopt a plan for the management of pupils attending the school who have asthma and to stock a short-acting bronchodilator that could be administered to a pupil with asthma or other person who is experiencing respiratory distress, regardless of whether that pupil or person has a prescription for the bronchodilator. Please see the key verbiage below (also found in the attached legislation):

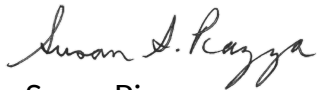
- A physician, an advanced practice nurse prescriber, or a physician assistant may provide a prescription or standing order for a short-acting bronchodilator or components in the name of a school that has adopted a plan under sub. (2) (a) to be maintained by the school for use under sub. (4).
- "Short-acting bronchodilator" means any beta-2 agonist, such as albuterol, used for the quick relief of asthma symptoms. "Short-acting bronchodilator" includes an orally inhaled medication that contains a premeasured single dose of albuterol or albuterol sulfate delivered by a nebulizer or by a pressurized metered-dose inhaler.

This act allows Wisconsin schools to provide more immediate access to medications for students with asthma or who are suffering from respiratory distress. Wisconsin is now

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one of 23 states across the nation that have passed legislation or put guidelines in place to allow schools to stock asthma medications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Piazza".

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