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To: District Superintendents of Schools
Superintendents of Public Schools
Administrators of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools

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Subject: Information for Schools Regarding New Law for Emergency Epinephrine Use

Chapter 424 of the Laws of 2014 added a new section 921 to the Education Law, effective February 27, 2015, to permit school districts, BOCES, county vocational education and extension boards, charter schools, and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools or any person employed by any such entity, to administer epinephrine auto-injectors in the event of an emergency pursuant to the requirements of Public Health law section 3000-c. This new law and its implementing regulations (8 NYCRR section 136.6) allows schools to choose to provide and maintain epinephrine auto-injectors on site, and to permit trained school employees to administer an epinephrine auto-injector without a provider order to *any* student or staff member with symptoms of anaphylaxis regardless of whether the individual has a previous history of severe allergic reaction. Schools choosing to do so must first comply with the requirements of Public Health Law 3000-c, which requires the school to have a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider, and also requires that employees who will administer an epinephrine auto-injector first take a New York State Department of Health approved course. It is important to note that these requirements must be completed *prior* to administering an epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to this law.

To assist schools in implementing the requirements of the law, please visit the link below for the New York State Department of Health's approved training course for school personnel, a sample collaborative agreement, and other related materials
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/> .

Questions should be directed to the New York State Education Department's Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090, or StudentSupportServices@nysed.gov .