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Clarification on Medication Storage in Schools

The Department has received several inquiries from the field regarding the storage of medications for **self-directed** students during school hours and at school sponsored events such as field trips in the absence of a school nurse.

In consultation with both the NYS Board of Nursing and the Board of Pharmacy, we would like to clarify the storage of medications to be given to **self-directed** students in the absence of a school nurse. Students' medications must remain in a properly labeled pharmacy container, or original over the counter container, in a locked medication cabinet or in the possession of a supervising adult; until they are handed to the self-directed student to self-administer in the school and/ or when taken on field trips or other school events.

Detailed information about medications in school is available in the Administration of Medication in the School Setting Guidelines at:

<http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/uploads/AdminMed.pdf>

Please contact the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 for questions and further information.

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