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NEW ASTHMA PLAN, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

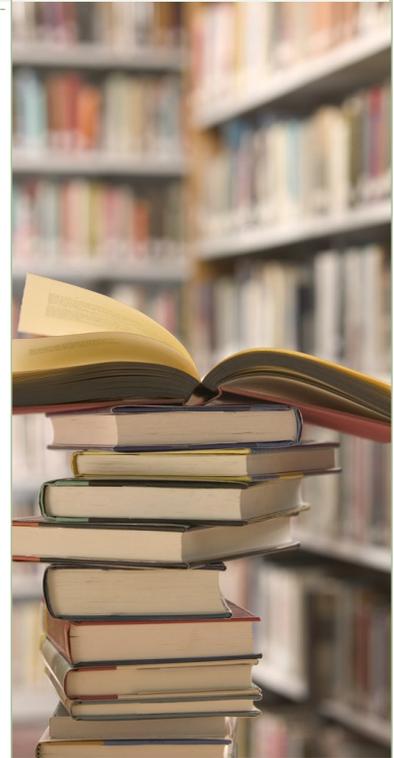
Public Act 99-843 amends the provisions of the School Code related to the management of asthma in the school setting.

Asthma Plan(s):

Each school year, each public or charter school must now ask parents of students with asthma for an asthma action plan. "Asthma action plan" means a written plan developed with a student's doctor to help reduce or prevent flare-ups, emergency room visits through regular management and as an individual intervention plan in the event of an asthma episode. If such a plan is provided by a parent, it must be kept in the school nurse's office or (in the absence of a school nurse), the school administrator. Copies of the asthma action plan may be distributed to appropriate school staff who work with the student regularly, and can be made a part of the student's 504 plan or IEP (if there is one).

Emergency Asthma Response Protocol:

To assist schools with developing emergency response procedures for "students experiencing symptoms of wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, or breathing difficulty" the State Board of Education has developed a



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model asthma episode emergency response protocol before September 1, 2016. All school districts and charter schools are required to adopt an emergency response protocol on or before January 1, 2017 that incorporates the components of the following ISBE model protocol.

ISBE Model Protocol

Staff Training:

At least bi-annually, school personnel who have student contact must complete an in-person or online training program on the management of asthma, the prevention of asthma symptoms, and emergency response in the school setting. ISBE is to make resources available in this area.

Public Act 99-843 can be accessed at the following link:

Public Act 99-843

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