



## **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION POLICY**

The River Montessori Charter School (“Charter School”) staff is responsible for overseeing the administration of medication to pupils attending Charter School during regular school hours, including before- or after-school programs, field trips, extracurricular or co- curricular activities, and camps or other activities that typically involve at least one overnight stay from home. It is imperative that practices followed in the administration of medication be carefully delineated to ensure the safety of our pupils and the legal protection of our employees.

### **Administration of Medication, Epinephrine, or Inhaled Asthma Medication Per Doctor’s Order**

Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular schoolday, medication prescribed for him or her by a physician and surgeon, or ordered for him or her by a physician assistant practicing in compliance with Chapter 7/7 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, may be assisted by the school nurse or designated school personnel or may carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication if Charter School receives the appropriate written statements as follows:

1. In order for a pupil to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication, Charter School shall obtain both a written statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and confirming that the pupil is able to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication, and a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil consenting to the self-administration, providing a release for the school nurse or designated school personnel to consult with the health care provider of the pupil regarding any questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and releasing Charter School school personnel from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.
2. Additionally, the school nurse or trained personnel who have volunteered may use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, an anaphylactic reaction. Charter School will ensure it has the appropriate type of epinephrine auto-injector on site (i.e., regular or junior) to meet the needs of its pupils. Charter School will ensure staff properly store, maintain, and restock the epinephrine auto-injectors as needed.
3. Charter School will ensure any school personnel who volunteer are appropriately trained regarding the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Charter School will distribute an annual notice to all staff describing the request for volunteers who will be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person if that person is suffering, or

reasonably believed to be suffering from, anaphylaxis. The annual notice shall also describe the training the volunteer will receive.

4. In order for a pupil to be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel in administering medication other than emergency epinephrine auto-injectors or inhaled asthma medications, Charter School shall obtain both a written statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that Charter School assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the statement of the physician and surgeon or physician assistant.

#### Response to Diabetic or Hypoglycemic Emergency

Charter School provides Charter School personnel with voluntary emergency medical training to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils with diabetes suffering from severe hypoglycemia, and volunteer personnel shall provide this emergency care, in accordance with standards established herein and the performance instructions set forth by the licensed health care provider of the pupil. A Charter School employee who does not volunteer or who has not been trained pursuant to this policy may not be required to provide emergency medical assistance.

Training established shall include all of the following:

- Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia.
- Administration of glucagon.
- Basic emergency follow-up procedures, including, but not limited to, calling the emergency 911 telephone number and contacting, if possible, the pupil's parent or guardian and licensed health care provider.
- Training by a physician, credentialed school nurse, registered nurse, or certificated public health nurse according to the standards established pursuant to this section shall be deemed adequate training.
- A school employee shall notify the Executive Director if he or she administers glucagon pursuant to this Policy.
- All materials necessary to administer the glucagon shall be provided by the parent or guardian of the pupil.
- In the case of a pupil who is able to self-test and monitor his or her blood glucose level, upon written request of the parent or guardian, and with authorization of the licensed health care provider of the pupil, a pupil with diabetes shall be permitted to test his or her blood glucose level and to otherwise provide diabetes self-care in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, during any school-related activity, and, upon specific request by a parent or guardian, in a private location.

#### Additional Guidelines:

- The primary responsibility for the administration of medication rests with the parent/guardian, pupil, and medical professional.

- Medication shall be administered only during school hours if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- Designated staff shall keep records of medication administered at Charter School.
- All medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Designated staff shall return all surplus medication to the parent/guardian upon completion of the regimen or prior to extended holidays.
- Designated staff shall establish emergency procedures for specific medical conditions that require an immediate response (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetes).
- The written statements specified in this policy shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.
- A pupil may be subject to disciplinary action if that pupil uses auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication in a manner other than as prescribed.
- Any pupil requiring insulin shots must establish a plan for administration of insulin shots with the Executive Director in consultation with the parent or guardian and the pupil's medical professional.