



Superintendents and School Nursing Personnel:

Attack On Asthma Nebraska is proud to announce that lives are being saved all across Nebraska thanks to school nurses, health aides and other staff members who have been trained in the protocol *Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)*. In 2004, the protocol was used over two dozen times with good outcomes. Also interesting, is that in 2004 Attack On Asthma provided \$85,000 for nebulizers and medications across the state. This translates to 991 EpiPens®, 500-600 nebulizers, and countless vials of albuterol.

Realizing that refills for expired medications are now coming up, we are sending an update on procedure for 2005.

The voucher system will no longer be in use this year. For schools not able to cover the cost of refills, please make and pay for your purchases and send copies of your paid receipts to:

AOAN
PO Box 194
Malcolm, NE 68402

You will want one EpiPen® for each school building, along with an EpiPen Jr.® for any buildings with students weighing 50 lbs or less. You will also need 3 vials of premixed albuterol solution for nebulizing per school building.

Attack On Asthma will reimburse EpiPen® and EpiPen Jr.® up to \$50 per. EpiPens® have a shelf life of 6-18 months, ask the pharmacist for the expiration date and try to get them to cover a school year if possible. Attack On Asthma will reimburse albuterol up to \$15 for 5 vials. The shelf life on albuterol is quite long, 3-4 years stored properly.

Questions regarding the Rule 59 protocol can be directed to the Nebraska Department of Education by contacting Lela Lowry, School Safety Program Specialist, at llowry@nde.state.ne.us or 420-471-1925.

Please remember to send copies of your incident reports for review by the Medical Advisory Review Board. These are vital to the continuation of funding.

Andrea Holka has taken over the position of Executive Director and is available for questions. She has been a member of the AOAN Board of Directors since August 2002 and has two asthmatic children, one with a tree-nut allergy. She looks forward to working with you and you may reach her at andrea@attackonasthma.org or 402-616-9600.

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