



## PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT EPINEPHRINE PROCEDURES

Medications prescribed for a child in the event of an allergic emergency may be administered by PACCC child care staff. Specific instructions from parent/legal guardian and child's physician must be provided.

1. Only premeasured doses of epinephrine may be administered.
2. The Epinephrine Authorization Form must be completed and signed by the child's parent and physician.
3. The form must be on file at the center. The parent is responsible for obtaining the physician's statement in Part II.
4. A new form must be submitted to the center each year AND whenever there is a change in the dosage or a change in the conditions under which epinephrine is to be injected.
5. A physician may use office stationery or a prescription pad in lieu of completing Part II.

Necessary information includes:

- a. Name of child
  - b. Specific allergen for which epinephrine is being prescribed
  - c. Route of exposure (e.g., ingestion, skin contact, inhalation, or insect sting or bite)
  - d. Brand name of medication
  - e. Amount of premeasured epinephrine
  - f. Duration of medication order and effective dates
  - g. Possible adverse reactions
  - h. Other necessary information
  - i. Physician signature
  - j. Date
6. Medication must be properly labeled by a pharmacist. Expiration date must be clearly indicated.
  7. Epinephrine must be hand-delivered to the center by the parent.
  8. 911 and the child's parent will always be called when epinephrine is administered, whether or not the child manifests any symptoms of anaphylaxis.
  9. Parent is to collect any unused epinephrine upon expiration date of the medication or expiration of the order or on the last day of school (school age programs only).