

Protection of Students with Life-threatening Allergies Act (PSLTA)—epinephrine auto-injector device supply for 2021

Background

On January 1, 2020, the Protection of Students with Life-Threatening Allergies Act came into effect. The Act supports students with life-threatening allergies by ensuring every school in the province has at least one epinephrine auto-injector device for use in the event of a severe allergic reaction. School authorities are expected to collaborate with local community pharmacies and health partners to determine the appropriate types of epinephrine auto-injectors to have in schools.

As the end of the calendar year approaches, pharmacies may be approached by schools in their communities to acquire or replace their epinephrine auto-injector devices to meet the requirements of the PSLTA. As per the previous requirements from the Ministry of Education, a designated school authority will present an authorization form, to purchase epinephrine auto-injectors on behalf of their school, to the pharmacy and discuss their needs. All requirements for documentation and education as per the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP) Standards of Practice are still in effect (see Benefact 827 December 2019).

Ordering of epinephrine auto-injectors for 2021 and in the future

Dedicated stock of epinephrine auto-injectors for the purposes of the PSLTA is no longer being set aside with any pharmacy wholesaler.

For this season and in the future, pharmacies can order any appropriate epinephrine auto-injector product from a supplier of their choice which best meets the needs of the school.

When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at:

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) • 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area) • 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

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