



Dear Camp CenterStage Parent,

It is important for you to be aware of a new Maine State law that could affect your child while attending Camp.

The State of Maine has passed a law that affects all campers who need to have readily available (carry or possess outside of the regular supervision of the camp's health staff) and to self-administer emergency medication while at camp. The law establishes procedures to allow such access to emergency medication by those campers who have been diagnosed to be at risk for a potential medical crisis such as asthmatic attacks or allergic reactions. These medications include, but are not limited to, an asthma inhaler or an epinephrine (epi) pen.

To comply with State Law 2496, all Maine camps are required to have a written policy authorizing campers to have readily available and to self-administer such emergency medication where the following conditions are met:

- A. Any camper who self-administers emergency medication must have the prior written approval of the camper's primary health care provider and the camper's parent or guardian:
- B. The camper's parent or guardian must submit written verification to the camp from the camper's primary health care provider confirming that the camper has the knowledge and the skills to safely self-administer the emergency medication in camp;
- C. The camp health staff must evaluate the camper's technique to ensure proper and effective use of the emergency medication in camp; and
- D. The emergency medication must be readily available to the camper.

If your child needs to, and you want to permit your child to have readily available and to self-administer an inhaler, an epi-pen or other emergency medication, you and your camper's primary health care provider must complete and return to us the forms provided with this letter. These forms were developed in cooperation with the Maine Youth Camping Association. When your camper arrives at Camp, our health staff are required to evaluate the camper's self administration technique to ensure proper and effective use.

These forms are **not** necessary for those campers who do not need to have readily available and to self-administer emergency medications. As always, our health staff will provide regular supervision of prescription medications for campers.

Thank you in advance for helping us comply with this new law.

The Camp CenterStage Staff



Parent Permission Form USE OF SELF-ADMINISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICATION

As the parent or guardian of _____:

During his/her time at Camp CenterStage, the above listed camper is permitted to have readily available (carry or possess outside of the regular supervision of the camp’s health staff) self-administer as medically necessary (Circle all that apply or list other emergency self-medication device):

Asthma Inhaler

Epinephrine Pen

Other (please list) _____

I have read the State of Maine Law as listed below, and confirm that my child has the knowledge and the skills to safely have readily available and self-administer the indicated emergency medication in camp.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Camper Signature

Date

Summary of Maine Law on Self Administration of Emergency Medication

Recreational camps for children; emergency medication. A recreational camp for boys or girls must have a written policy authorizing campers to self-administer emergency medication, including, but no limited to, an asthma inhaler or an epinephrine pen. The written policy must include the following requirements:

- A. A camper who self-administers emergency medication must have the prior written approval of the camper’s primary health care provider and the camper’s parent or guardian;
- B. The camper’s parent or guardian must submit written verification to the camp form the camper’s primary health care provider confirming that the camper has the knowledge and the skills to safely self-administer the emergency medication in camp;
- C. The camp health staff must evaluate the camper’s technique to ensure proper and effective use of the emergency medication in camp; and
- D. The emergency medication must be readily available to the camper

The full statute may be viewed at:

<http://janus.state.me.us/legix/statutes/22/title22sec2496.html>



Primary Health Care Provider Form

USE OF SELF-ADMINISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICATION

As the health care provider for _____:

During his/her time at Camp CenterStage, the above listed camper is permitted to have readily available (carry or possess outside of the regular supervision of the camp’s health staff) self-administer as medically necessary (Circle all that apply or list other emergency self-medication device):

Asthma Inhaler

Epinephrine Pen

Other (please list) _____

I have read the State of Maine Law as listed below, and confirm that the camper listed above has the knowledge and the skills to safely have readily available and self-administer the indicated emergency medication in camp.

 Primary Physician Signature _____
 Date

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Recreational camps for children; emergency medication. A recreational camp for boys or girls must have a written policy authorizing campers to self-administer emergency medication, including, but no limited to, an asthma inhaler or an epinephrine pen. The written policy must include the following requirements:

- E. A camper who self-administers emergency medication must have the prior written approval of the camper’s primary health care provider and the camper’s parent or guardian;
- F. The camper’s parent or guardian must submit written verification to the camp form the camper’s primary health care provider confirming that the camper has the knowledge and the skills to safely self-administer the emergency medication in camp;
- G. The camp health staff must evaluate the camper’s technique to ensure proper and effective use of the emergency medication in camp; and
- H. The emergency medication must be readily available to the camper

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POLICY FOR SELF ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS BY CAMPERS

Campers are permitted to have readily available (carry or possess outside of the regular supervision of the camp's health staff) and to self-administer emergency medication only where the following conditions are met.

- A. Any camper who self-administers emergency medication must have the prior written approval of the camper's primary health care provider and the camper's parent or guardian:
- B. The camper's parent or guardian must submit written verification to the camp from the camper's primary health care provider confirming that the camper has the knowledge and the skills to safely self-administer the emergency medication in camp;
- C. The camp health staff must evaluate the camper's technique to ensure proper and effective use of the emergency medication in camp; and
- D. The emergency medication must be readily available to the camper

* We strongly suggest making a copy of this document before mailing