

Guide to Determining Levels of Assistance in Medication Delivery

The Student	The Staff	Category
<p style="text-align: center;">Cannot</p> <p>Demonstrate that they understand about their medication or can take it as described in the yellow box below.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Staff May Not Assist Students With Medications</p> <p>An appropriate licensed medical professional authorized to administer medications in NYS must administer all medications to the student.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nurse Dependent Student</p> <p>NYS RN/NP, Physician or Physician's Assistant must administer medications.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Can</p> <p>State the name, amount, time and effect of taking/not taking the medication.</p> <p>Recognize what the medication looks like and refuses to take it if it is the wrong medication or amount.</p> <p>Swallow, inhale, apply, calculate and take the correct dose of their medication, or request/direct an adult to assist them, if needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Staff Trained By The School Nurse May Assist Students At The Request and Direction Of The Student</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IF TOLD TO DO SO BY THE STUDENT:</u></p> <p>Trained staff may open bottles; remove the requested number of tablets/pills or pour the requested amount of liquid for the student who needs help in doing so; assist with BG testing or perform BG testing for the student; verify math calculations or verify the numbers entered into insulin meters/devices by the student.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Supervised Student</p> <p>An RN or other appropriate licensed health professional is not needed for direct monitoring of student taking their own medication.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Can</p> <p>Take (self-administer) their own medications without any assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must</p> <p>Be permitted to carry take their rescue medications for respiratory conditions, allergies or diabetes if there is written parent consent and a provider's written order attesting the provider has determined the student can self-administer effectively.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Assistance Is Needed From School Staff</p> <p>The student either takes medication independently in the health office (after being handed the medication container by school staff) or carries and uses it with the required documentation.</p> <p>If a student is carrying and taking their medication themselves, medication administration is not documented by the school and the parent/guardian assumes responsibility for ensuring their child is taking the medication as ordered.</p> <p>Schools should have a written emergency action plan which instructs students how to obtain help from school personnel if needed.</p> <p>Schools should have additional doses of medication in the health office in case the student who is carrying and using their medication(s) does not have access to their self-carried medication.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Independent Student</p> <p>Needs staff intervention or assistance only during emergencies.</p>