

Senate Bill 875

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Jennifer Knapp)

SUMMARY

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Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules under which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to students experiencing adrenal crisis. Provides for training of personnel in adrenal insufficiency and authorizes trained individuals, who receive medication from parent or guardian of student with adrenal insufficiency, to administer such medications.

Becomes operative January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to adrenal insufficiency; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.867, 339.869, 433.800,
3 433.805, 433.815 and 433.825; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.867 is amended to read:

6 339.867. As used in ORS 339.869 and 339.870, "medication" means medication that is not injected,
7 except for premeasured doses of epinephrine that are injected **or medication that is available for**
8 **treating adrenal insufficiency.**

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 339.869 is amended to read:

10 339.869. (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, the
11 Oregon State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Pharmacy, shall adopt:

12 (a) Rules for the administration of prescription and nonprescription medication to students by
13 trained school personnel and for student self-medication. The rules shall include age appropriate
14 guidelines and training requirements for school personnel.

15 (b) Rules for the administration of premeasured doses of epinephrine by school personnel trained
16 as provided by ORS 433.815 to any student or other individual on school premises who the personnel
17 believe in good faith is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student
18 or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

19 (c) **Rules for the administration of medication that treats adrenal insufficiency by school**
20 **personnel trained as provided by ORS 433.815 to any student on school premises whose parent**
21 **or guardian has provided for the personnel the medication as described in ORS 433.825 (3)**
22 **and who the personnel believe in good faith is experiencing an adrenal crisis, as defined in**
23 **ORS 433.800.**

24 [(c)] (d) Guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies **and**
25 **adrenal insufficiency**, which must include:

26 (A) Standards for the education and training of school personnel to manage students with life-
27 threatening allergies **or adrenal insufficiency.**

28 (B) Procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic reactions **or an adrenal crisis, as**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **defined in ORS 433.800.**

2 (C) A process for the development of individualized health care and allergy plans for every
3 student with a known life-threatening allergy.

4 (D) Protocols for preventing exposures to allergens.

5 (2)(a) School district boards shall adopt policies and procedures that provide for:

6 (A) The administration of prescription and nonprescription medication to students by trained
7 school personnel, **including the administration of medications that treat adrenal**
8 **insufficiency;**

9 (B) Student self-medication; and

10 (C) The administration of premeasured doses of epinephrine to students and other individuals.

11 (b) Policies and procedures adopted under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be consistent
12 with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education under subsection (1) of this section. A school
13 district board shall not require school personnel who have not received appropriate training to ad-
14 minister medication.

15 **SECTION 3.** ORS 433.800 is amended to read:

16 433.800. As used in ORS 433.800 to 433.830, unless the context requires otherwise:

17 (1) **“Adrenal crisis” means a sudden, severe worsening of symptoms associated with**
18 **adrenal insufficiency, such as severe pain in the lower back, abdomen or legs, vomiting,**
19 **diarrhea, dehydration, low blood pressure or loss of consciousness.**

20 (2) **“Adrenal insufficiency” means a hormonal disorder that occurs when the adrenal**
21 **glands do not produce enough adrenal hormones.**

22 [(1)] (3) “Allergen” means a substance, usually a protein, [*which*] **that** evokes a particular ad-
23 verse response in a sensitive individual.

24 [(2)] (4) “Allergic response” means a medical condition caused by exposure to an allergen, with
25 physical symptoms that [*may be life threatening, ranging from*] **range from** localized itching to se-
26 vere anaphylactic shock [*and death*] **and that may be life threatening.**

27 [(3)] (5) “Hypoglycemia” means a condition in which a person experiences low blood sugar,
28 producing symptoms [*that may range from*] **such as** drowsiness [*to*], loss of muscle control so that
29 chewing or swallowing is impaired, [*to*] irrational behavior in which food intake is resisted, [*or to*]
30 convulsions, fainting or coma.

31 (6) **“Nurse practitioner” means a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 678.**

32 [(4)] (7) “Other treatment” means oral administration of food containing glucose or other forms
33 of carbohydrate, such as jelly or candy.

34 [(5)] (8) “Other treatment has failed” means [*the*] **a hypoglycemic student’s symptoms have**
35 **worsened after the administration of a food containing glucose or other form of carbohydrate**
36 **or [*the*] a hypoglycemic student has become incoherent, unconscious or unresponsive.**

37 (9) **“Physician” means a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677.**

38 **SECTION 4.** ORS 433.805 is amended to read:

39 433.805. It is the purpose of ORS 433.800 to 433.830 to provide a means of authorizing certain
40 individuals when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available to administer
41 lifesaving treatment to persons:

42 (1) Who have severe allergic responses to insect stings and other [*specific*] allergens [*and to*]
43 *persons*];

44 (2) Who are experiencing severe hypoglycemia when other treatment has failed or cannot be
45 initiated[.]; **and**

1 **(3) Who have adrenal insufficiency and are experiencing an adrenal crisis.**

2 **SECTION 5.** ORS 433.815 is amended to read:

3 433.815. (1) Educational training on the treatment of allergic responses, as required by ORS
4 433.800 to 433.830, shall be conducted under the supervision of a physician [*licensed under ORS*
5 *chapter 677*] or [a] nurse practitioner [*licensed under ORS chapter 678 to practice in this state*]. The
6 training may be conducted by [a] **any other** health care professional licensed under ORS chapter
7 678 as delegated by a supervising [*professional*] **physician or nurse practitioner**, or by an emer-
8 gency medical services provider meeting the requirements established by the Oregon Health Au-
9 thority by rule. The curricula shall include, at a minimum, the following subjects:

10 (a) Recognition of the symptoms of systemic allergic responses to insect stings and other
11 allergens;

12 (b) Familiarity with common factors that are likely to elicit systemic allergic responses;

13 (c) Proper administration of an intramuscular or subcutaneous injection of epinephrine for se-
14 vere allergic responses to insect stings and other specific allergens; and

15 (d) Necessary follow-up treatment.

16 (2) Educational training on the treatment of hypoglycemia, as required by ORS 433.800 to
17 433.830, shall be conducted under the supervision of a physician [*licensed under ORS chapter 677*]
18 or [a] nurse practitioner [*licensed under ORS chapter 678 to practice in this state*]. The training may
19 be conducted by [a] **any other** health care professional licensed under ORS chapter 678 as delegated
20 by a supervising [*professional*] **physician or nurse practitioner**. The curricula shall include, at a
21 minimum, the following subjects:

22 (a) Recognition of the symptoms of hypoglycemia;

23 (b) Familiarity with common factors that may induce hypoglycemia;

24 (c) Proper administration of a subcutaneous injection of glucagon for severe hypoglycemia when
25 other treatment has failed or cannot be initiated; and

26 (d) Necessary follow-up treatment.

27 **(3) Educational training on the treatment of adrenal insufficiency, as required by ORS**
28 **433.800 to 433.830, shall be conducted under the supervision of a physician or nurse practi-**
29 **tioner. The training may be conducted by any other health care professional licensed under**
30 **ORS chapter 678 as delegated by a supervising physician or nurse practitioner. The curricula**
31 **shall include, at a minimum, the following subjects:**

32 (a) **General information about adrenal insufficiency and the dangers associated with**
33 **adrenal insufficiency;**

34 (b) **Recognition of the symptoms of a person who is experiencing an adrenal crisis;**

35 (c) **The types of medications that are available for treating adrenal insufficiency; and**

36 (d) **Proper administration of medications that treat adrenal insufficiency.**

37 **SECTION 6.** ORS 433.825 is amended to read:

38 433.825. (1)(a) A person who has successfully completed educational training described in ORS
39 433.815 for severe allergic responses may receive from any health care professional [*with*] **who has**
40 appropriate prescriptive privileges **and who is** licensed under ORS chapter 677 or 678 in this state
41 a prescription for premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia for adminis-
42 tration.

43 (b) An entity that employs a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may acquire
44 premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia for administration in accordance
45 with paragraph (c) of this subsection. A health care practitioner [*with*] **who has** appropriate

1 prescriptive privileges **and is** licensed under ORS chapter 677 or 678 may write a prescription for
2 premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia in the name of an entity that
3 employs a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

4 (c) A person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may possess and administer, in an
5 emergency situation when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, pre-
6 scribed epinephrine to any person suffering a severe allergic response.

7 (2) A person who has successfully completed educational training in the administration of
8 glucagon as described in ORS 433.815 for hypoglycemia may receive from the parent or guardian
9 of a student [*doses of*] glucagon prescribed by a health care professional [*with*] **who has** appropriate
10 prescriptive privileges **and is** licensed under ORS chapter 677 or 678 [*in this state*], as well as the
11 necessary paraphernalia for administration. The person may possess **the glucagon** and administer
12 **the** glucagon to the student for whom the glucagon is prescribed[,] if the student is suffering a se-
13 vere hypoglycemic reaction in an emergency situation when a licensed health care professional is
14 not immediately available and other treatment has failed or cannot be initiated.

15 (3) **A person who has successfully completed educational training in the treatment of**
16 **adrenal insufficiency as described in ORS 433.815 may receive from the parent or guardian**
17 **of a student a medication that treats adrenal insufficiency and that is prescribed by a health**
18 **care professional who has appropriate prescriptive privileges and is licensed under ORS**
19 **chapter 677 or 678, as well as the necessary paraphernalia for administration. The person**
20 **may possess the medication and administer the medication to the student for whom the**
21 **medication is prescribed if the student is suffering an adrenal crisis in an emergency situ-**
22 **ation when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available.**

23 **SECTION 7. (1) The amendments to ORS 339.867, 339.869, 433.800, 433.805, 433.815 and**
24 **433.825 by sections 1 to 6 of this 2015 Act become operative on January 1, 2016.**

25 (2) **The State Board of Education and the Oregon Health Authority may take any action**
26 **before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the**
27 **board or authority to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of**
28 **this section, all the duties, powers and functions conferred on the board and authority by the**
29 **amendments to ORS 339.867, 339.869, 433.800, 433.805, 433.815 and 433.825 by sections 1 to 6**
30 **of this 2015 Act.**

31 **SECTION 8. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
32 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
33 **on its passage.**

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