

TITLE 26 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PART 1 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CHAPTER 742 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LISTED FAMILY HOMES
SUBCHAPTER D NOTIFICATIONS AND LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

§742.401. What are the notification requirements?

(a) A caregiver must notify the Department of Family and Protective Services immediately at 1-800-252-5400 if:

(1) There is any suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation;

(2) A child dies while in your care; or

(3) A child was forgotten in a vehicle or wandered away from your home or care unsupervised.

(b) You must notify Licensing immediately if you become aware that a household member, caregiver, or child in care contracts an illness deemed notifiable by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

(c) After you ensure the safety of the child, you must notify the parent immediately if the child:

(1) Is injured and the injury requires medical treatment by a health-care professional or hospitalization;

(2) Shows signs or symptoms of an illness that requires hospitalization;

(3) Has had an emergency anaphylaxis reaction that required administration of an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector; or

(4) Was forgotten in a vehicle or wandered away from your home or care unsupervised.

(d) You must notify the parent of a child of less serious injuries when the parent picks the child up from the home. Less serious injuries include, minor cuts, scratches, and bites from other children requiring first aid treatment by caregivers.

(e) You must notify the parent of each child attending the home in writing within 48 hours after you become aware that a household member, caregiver, or child in care contracts an illness deemed notifiable by the Texas Department of State Health Services; or

(f) You must notify Licensing in writing within 15 days of:

(1) Relocating your listed family home; or

(2) Closing the home.

§742.806. What are the requirements if my home chooses to maintain and administer unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors?

If your home maintains and administers unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors to use when a child in care has an emergency anaphylaxis reaction, you must adopt and implement a written policy that complies with the unassigned epinephrine auto-injector requirements set by the Texas Department of State Health Services, as specified in 25 TAC Chapter 40, Subchapter C (relating to Epinephrine Auto-Injector Policies in Youth Facilities) and Texas Health and Safety Code §773.0145.

Helpful Information

DSHS requirements for the maintenance and administration of unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors include requirements for:

- Training;
- Storage;
- Administration;
- Disposal;
- Reporting; and
- Parental notification of policies.

You can find more information about these requirements, as well as definitions pertaining to anaphylaxis, at [Allergies and Anaphylaxis, Epinephrine Auto-Injector Policies in Youth Facilities](#), and in the [CCR Technical Assistance Library](#).