

TITLE 26 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
PART 1 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 743 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SHELTER CARE  
SUBCHAPTER D SAFETY PRACTICES

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

If your operation maintains and administers unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors to use when a child in care has an emergency anaphylaxis reaction, you must:

(1) 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; and

(2) Notify the child's parent, immediately after ensuring the safety of the child, if the child has had an emergency anaphylaxis reaction that required administration of an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector.

#### **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 the [CCR Technical Assistance Library](#).