General Use Epinephrine Program

Key Updates to the 2018-2019 Program



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**General Use Epinephrine Policy and Procedure Updates**

1. There are no updates to the General Use Epinephrine Program policy and procedure documents as issued by the Office of Risk management.
2. Relative to the administration of epinephrine, the hold time to keep the pen in place is now 3 seconds verses 10 seconds.
3. As to clarification of using general use epinephrine pens on pre-school age children, the legislation regarding the use of epinephrine in nonpublic schools (Md. Education Code section 7-425.3) is not limited to K-12 settings. The general definitions that apply to the Maryland Education Code (Md. Education Code section 1-101) define “elementary and secondary education” to mean “education and programs of education *from and* *including preschool* through the end of high school and their equivalent.” The legislation applies to the “school.” If there are preschool age children in the “school,” those children have to be subject to the same Epi-pen protocols that apply to the rest of the children in the “school.”