

EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS for NYS Children's Camps

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Section 3000-c of Public Health Law permits children's camps to establish an epinephrine auto-injector program to stock and allow specially trained camp staff to use an epinephrine auto-injector device to treat life-threatening allergic reactions (also known as anaphylaxis). Please refer to the Department of Health Fact Sheet entitled "[Epinephrine Auto-Injector Use by Children's Camps](#)" for more detailed information about establishing an epinephrine auto-injector program at a camp.

To participate in an auto-injector program, children's camp operators must develop, sign and implement a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider (physician or hospital) who will oversee the camp's program. The camp's emergency health care provider should determine which of the following approved courses will be used to train camp staff.

Provider	Certification Title
American Red Cross	Epinephrine Auto-Injector Module
Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services*	Training Program Outline for Unlicensed or Uncertified Personnel to Administer Epinephrine by Auto-Injector in Life-Threatening Situations
Lifesaving Enterprises	Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training

Courses require annual recertification.

*The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) does not provide training to camp staff; however, their approved training curriculum is available for use by the camp's emergency health care provider (EHCP) or individual designated by the EHCP to provide the training to camp staff. BEMS curriculum is available from the BEMS Operations Unit at (518) 402-0996 or at www.health.ny.gov/nysdoh/ems/camp_epipen.htm. Additionally, BEMS Policy Statement on Epinephrine Auto-Injectors is available at <http://www.health.ny.gov/nysdoh/ems/pdf/11-08.pdf>.