Dispensing of epinephrine autoinjectors by pharmacy interns.

(A) A pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist may dispense epinephrine autoinjector without a prescription to either of the following in accordance with an approved protocol specified in paragraph (B) of rule 4729:1-3-06 of the Administrative Code:

(1) An individual who there is reason to believe is experiencing or at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis if the pharmacy affiliated with the pharmacist has a record of previously dispensing epinephrine to the individual in accordance with a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) An individual acting on behalf of a qualified entity, as defined in section 3728.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)

(1) A pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who dispenses an epinephrine autoinjector pursuant to this rule shall instruct the individual to whom the epinephrine autoinjector is dispensed, either verbally or in writing, to summon emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering epinephrine.

(2) A pharmacy intern who dispenses an epinephrine autoinjector to an individual identified in paragraph (A) of this rule shall provide notification of the dispensing to the individual's primary care provider, if known, or to the prescriber who issued the individual the initial prescription for an epinephrine autoinjector. Notification shall be conducted using one of the following methods that is capable of confirming delivery of the required notification:

(a) Electronic mail;

(b) Interoperable electronic medical records system;

(c) Facsimile;

(d) Electronic prescribing system;

(e) Electronic pharmacy record system;

(f) Documented verbal communication;

(g) Any other method of notification that might reasonably be expected to allow for the confirmed transmission of the required notification.
(C) When a pharmacy intern dispenses an epinephrine autoinjector pursuant to this rule, the pharmacy intern shall provide to the person receiving the device instruction on the proper method of administering epinephrine with the device.

(D) A terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall ensure that all pharmacy interns that dispense epinephrine autoinjectors pursuant to this rule are trained on the use of epinephrine and can meet the training requirements listed in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule.

(E) This rule does not affect the authority of a pharmacy intern to contact a prescriber to obtain a new oral prescription for an epinephrine autoinjector in accordance with the applicable provisions of division 4729:5 of the Administrative Code.
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