

# ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES

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## Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP)

The Barnwell County Career Center will provide certain students with special healthcare needs an individual healthcare plan. This plan will meet the needs of the student for health monitoring and care during the school day or at center-sponsored events.

In accordance with this plan, the center will provide the authority for an eligible student to self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed by the student's healthcare provider, unless there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medication would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others.

The center will grant permission to self-monitor and self-administer medication based on appropriate written authorization, according to the center's administrative rule, from the parent/legal guardian, and a written statement from the student's healthcare practitioner who prescribed the medication verifying that the student has a medical condition and has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring and/or self-administration of medications.

Authorization for a student to possess on his/her person and administer medication extends to the following settings.

- the classroom and in any area of the center or center grounds
- center-sponsored activities
- in transit to or from the center or center-sponsored activities
- during before school or after school activities on center operated property

The parent/legal guardian must sign a statement acknowledging that the center will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from self-monitoring or self-administering medications or from taking or using medications or self-monitoring devices by the student and that the parent/legal guardian will indemnify and hold harmless the center and its employees and agents against any claims arising out of the self-monitoring or self-administration of medication by the student.

The center may revoke a student's permission to self-monitor or self-administer medication if the student endangers him/herself or others through misuse of the monitoring device or medication.

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