**Designated vs Undesignated Medications**

**Designated Medications**

Designated medications are medically prescribed by a licensed independent provider (physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, dentist, etc.) to an individual student with a known medical condition or need. Students with documented asthma, diabetes or severe allergies may have a prescription for albuterol, glucagon or epinephrine. Students with other conditions, such as seizure disorders, may have designated medications to control their condition and ensure they are healthy and safe at school. Students with designated medication **must have** a [**Medication and Medical Treatment Authorization Form**](https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/service_content/attachments/2024-07-DCHealth-Medication-Plan-and-Procedure-form-ENG.pdf) **on file** with the school. The medication must be administered in accordance with the form and the students’ individual health plan (IHP). Under no circumstancesmay a designated medication be administered to a student for whom it is not prescribed.

Designated medication is provided to the school by a student’s parent/guardian and is typically kept in the school health suite. School health suite personnel and AOM certified staff have access to these medications. Additional staff permitted access to designated medications in the health suite during an emergency must be documented in the UEMA Plan.

Students may self-carry and self-administer designated medication to treat asthma, diabetes, anaphylaxis or other illness provided that it aligns to the student’s Medication and Treatment Authorization Form (DC Code § 38–651.02).

**Undesignated Emergency Medications**

Undesignated emergency medications (UEMs) are medications that can be administered in an emergency to a student or adult who does not have their own medication on hand or an individual-specific order. The student must still have a documented record of the appropriate condition (e.g. asthma for albuterol or diabetes for glucagon) to be administered a UEM. UEMs should still be administered in line with a student’s IHP.

School leaders and Liaisons should coordinate with AOM’s and school health personnel to ensure everyone is aware of the location of undesignated emergency medication. UEMs should be stored together in an easily accessible and unlocked location that is not the health suite. Expired UEMs should be reported to the Undesignated Medication Liaison who contacts DC Health to request replacements.