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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exceptional Student Education Directors
Student Services Directors

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman, Bureau Chief

DATE: December 14, 2009

SUBJECT: **Students With Life-Threatening Allergies**

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The Florida Legislature enacted legislation amending Section 1002.20, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The provisions of this legislation are specified in subsection (3)(i) in this section of statute. This law specifies that a public school student who has life-threatening allergies may carry an epinephrine auto-injector and administer epinephrine by auto-injector while in school, participating in school-sponsored activities, including transit to and from school or school-sponsored activities, if the school has been provided with parental and physician authorization.

In accordance with this legislation, the State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Health, has adopted Rule 6A-6.0251, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), regarding the use of epinephrine auto-injectors in Florida schools. Due to the increasing number of students who have life-threatening allergies, an interagency task force has developed a technical assistance paper (TAP) in order to address implementation of this law. This TAP is available at <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/pdf/y2006-7.pdf>.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Department of Education, Student Services Office, at (850) 245-7851 or the Department of Health, School Health Program Office, at (850) 245-4445.

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Attachments: Section 1002.20, F.S.
Rule 6A-6.0251, F.A.C.

cc: District Superintendents

BAMBI J. LOCKMAN
Chief

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