

**Spectrum Charter School  
4369 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146**

**Board of Trustees Policy 210.3**

**SELF-MONITORING & TREATMENT  
FOR VARIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY**

The Board of Trustees of the Spectrum Charter School (“Charter School”) recognizes that students may have medically certified conditions such as diabetes, asthma, severe allergies and/or ADHD/ADD, which require medication, equipment or machinery to be administered during school hours in order to maintain health and to function in the school setting. *(See other individual policies for Administration of Medication/Equipment for each of these four respective medical conditions.)*

This policy shall apply only to medical measures necessary to maintain a student in school and which can be self-administered by the student with necessary documentation provided to the Charter School Certified School Nurse by the student's healthcare provider and parent(s)/ guardian(s) permitting such self-administration.

The Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) shall have authorization to determine procedures for staff development in monitoring students who self-administer medication and equipment for diabetes and/or asthma and reviewing students’ ability to self-administer same.

School policy and procedures must clearly define the circumstances under which self-administration is permitted and the decision making process with the following:

- Specify that the School Nurse perform a baseline assessment of the student’s health status;
- Require the School Nurse to ensure that the student is competent in self-care through demonstration of administration skills and responsible behavior;
- Provide for the periodic and ongoing assessment by the School Nurse of the student’s self-management skills;

- Require notification of the School Nurse immediately following each use by student;
- Include provisions for the immediate confiscation of the medication and loss of self-administration privileges if the Charter School policies are abused or ignored. If privileges are revoked, the Emergency Care Plan would need to be revised to ensure availability of the medication to the student.
- In order to accommodate students who carry and self-administer emergency medications, the following should be in place:
  - An order from a licensed prescriber for the medication, including a statement that it is necessary for the student to carry the medication and that the student is capable of self-administration;
  - Written parental/ guardian consent;
  - An Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP), including an Emergency Care Plan (ECP) component. As a result, students of school age may possess on their persons, including bookbags and handbags, all necessary supplies, equipment and prescribed medication to perform self-monitoring and treatment.
  - Medical Management Plan for specific Condition - This plan should be part of the IHP and ECP . This Medical Management Plan is filled out with the Student's health care provider's assistance and provides critical information to the Charter School regarding Student's medical condition and maintenance measures, warning signs, treatment plans, and emergency measures that are medically necessary for occurrences at school or at a school sponsored activity.

**Section 504/IEP Considerations:**

Students with IHPs and ECPs may also have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or a 504 Student Accommodation Plan to ensure school nursing services and access to the learning environment.

**TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.**

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President

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Secretary