

Information for Early Learning Centers to Support Compliance with Act No. 335 (Epinephrine in Early Learning Centers)

On August 1, 2022, HB417 of the 2022 Legislative Session was signed into law as [Act No. 335](#), providing for licensed child care centers to stock undesignated epinephrine to be used in the case of a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

Act No. 335 provides direction and guidance for licensed child care centers where young children may be exposed to new foods and environmental allergens that may trigger a previously-unknown allergy.

The information provided below does not, and is not intended to constitute legal advice. All information is for general informational purposes only.

What does Act 335 provide for? How can I get implementation support?

Act 335 Requirements: Adopt a Policy and Train a Staff Member

Per Act No. 335, as of August 1, 2022, it is **required** for licensed child care centers to:

- **ADOPT A POLICY:** “The head of each early learning center shall adopt a policy authorizing a trained employee to administer auto-injectable epinephrine in good faith if they believe a child is having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not such child has a prescription for epinephrine.”
- **ENSURE TRAINING:** “At least one employee at each early learning center shall receive training in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.”

Resources to Implement Requirements

Early learning centers can receive support from:

- **Code Ana:** Through September 30, 2022, Code Ana is offering one free asynchronous, online epinephrine certification course per early learning center and a 20% discount for each additional staff member of the same center (about \$20 after discount). Code Ana may offer in-person trainings depending on geography. [LEARN MORE](#)

- **New Orleans Children’s Health Project:** To coordinate a free in-person epinephrine administration training and for support with policy development, reach out to Jeanne McKay at jmckay1@tulane.edu.
- **Certified Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs).** Some CCHCs may be able to provide support with epinephrine administration training and policy development, though you should clarify with your CCHC to see if they offer comprehensive epinephrine training and support. To view the list of certified Louisiana CCHCs, [click here](#).

Act 335 Option: Maintain Undesignated Epinephrine On-Site

Per Act No. 335, it is **optional** for licensed child care centers to:

- **MAINTAIN UNDESIGNATED EPINEPHRINE ON SITE:** “Each early learning center may maintain a supply of auto-injectable epinephrine at the center in a secure and easily accessible location; a healthcare professional authorized to prescribe medications may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the early learning center to be maintained for use when deemed necessary.”

Resources to Implement Optional Maintenance of Undesignated Epinephrine On-Site

In order to obtain a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector at your early learning center as well as guidance on how to obtain devices, you can receive support from Code Ana and the New Orleans Children’s Health Project upon completing comprehensive epinephrine administration training and developing a site policy.

- **Code Ana:** Email Sarah Jane Lowery at sarahjane@codeana.org.
- **New Orleans Children’s Health Project:** Email Jeanne McKay at jmckay1@tulane.edu.