To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to 105 CMR 210.000 – Administration of Medications in Schools.

As a nurse manager, it has been difficult under the current regulations to ensure the full participation of children with asthma and seizure disorders, in particular, in all school activities such as field trips and afterschool programs without requiring either a nurse or parent to attend. As you can imagine, children at a certain age do not wish to be accompanied by a nurse or parent because it singles them out and keeps them from enjoying the same freedoms as their peers. In addition, we have occasionally had to cancel field trips at the last minute because neither a nurse nor parent could be present, thus depriving all the children in a class or grade from enjoying an enriching activity.

I believe the proposed changes do not compromise student safety, as many new emergency medications are designed to be given by a lay person. Instead, I feel the proposed changes would increase student safety, as more school staff would be trained in recognizing and responding to emergency situations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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