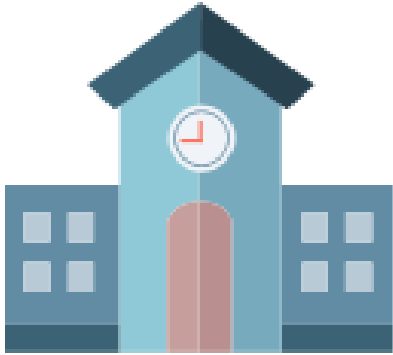


# Asthma Facts



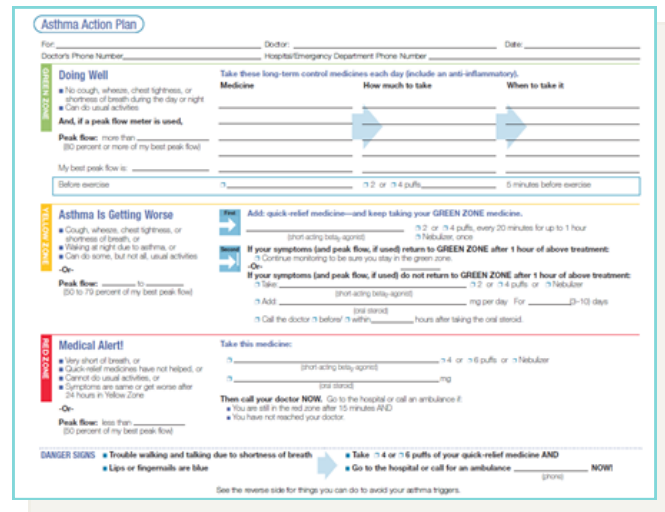
## SENATE BILL 322: RESCUE INHALERS IN SCHOOLS

**AN ACT** relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools...



### An Overview of the Bill:

- Adds an amendment to RSA 200 to include the use of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools.
- Allows school districts to keep a supply of emergency inhalers at school, for student use during an asthma emergency.
- After completion of an asthma training program school personnel can help administer a rescue inhaler.
- Students must have an asthma action plan and parental permission on file.



*This bill would not have been possible without the support of: the NH School Nurses Association, the American Lung Association, the NH Public Health Association, Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Avard, Sen. Boutin, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Reagan, Sen. Watters, and Sen. Woodburn!*

Thank you for your support of SB 322. More than **28,000** NH children with asthma will breathe easier at school thanks to you!

# A Breakdown of the SB 322:

## Prescribing Authority

- School board authorizes the school nurse to maintain the medication supply
- A health care practitioner can prescribe rescue medications to the school district

## Student Eligibility

- Student must have an asthma action plan on file, updated annually
- Student's health provider must produce order form with dosage information & permission to use school stock in an emergency
- Must have written permission from the parent

## Reporting Requirements

- School must produce an annual report summarizing use of meds and equipment
- If emergency school stock was used on a child, schools must notify parents as soon as possible

## School Personnel

- To administer a rescue inhaler, a school employee must be designated by the school nurse and must have completed an asthma training program conducted by the school nurse
- The school nurse will maintain a list of those who have completed the asthma training program
- The asthma training program must consist of:
  - An initial training and an annual refresher course based on training programs by the NH School Nurses Association, the National Association of School Nurses, and the American Lung Assoc.
  - Techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe respiratory distress
  - Standards and procedures for the storage
  - Administration of the bronchodilator with spacer or nebulizer

## Guidance from Department Of Education

- The NH School Nurses Assoc. and the American Lung Association will provide guidelines for this policy within 5 months from its effective date
  - This includes trainings for unlicensed school personnel (*In Progress*)
- Immunity against liability is built into the legislation provided that any damages are not caused by the willful disregard for the requirement