



MARYLAND Department of Health

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

January 3, 2019

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Health-General Article, § 13-706(b) and § 13-7A-03(a), Annotated Code of Maryland
2018 Annual Report of the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program in Youth
Camps and the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program at Institutions
of Higher Education**

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2015 (SB 344) established the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program (the Youth Camp Program), and Chapter 527 of the Acts of 2018 (HB 1473) established the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program at Institutions of Higher Education (the Higher Education Program) within the Maryland Department of Health (the Department). The purpose of both programs is to provide a means of authorizing certain individuals to administer life-saving treatment to individuals who are suffering from anaphylaxis when physician services or emergency medical services are not immediately available. The enacted legislation for each program further directs the Department to annually publish a report summarizing the incidents that occurred that required the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

Incidents Occurring Under Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2015 (SB 344)

During the 2018 youth camp season, two incidents involving the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine related to the Youth Camps Program were reported to the Department.

Incidents Occurring Under Chapter 527 of the Acts of 2018 (HB 1473)

The law establishing the Higher Education Program took effect on October 1, 2018, and the Department is in the process of implementing the program. Thus, no incidents were reported related to this statute.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mr. Webster Ye, Deputy Chief of Staff, at (410) 767-6480.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall
Secretary

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