

To the House Health and Human Services Committee,

I have been a school nurse for 32 years and have been in the position many times where I did not have an inhaler for a student. Most already have the diagnosis of Asthma with a self-carry order and it was forgotten at home, or they had not had problems for a while and parents felt they no longer needed it. Then you are left to decide if the parent can get to the school in time with the inhaler or to call the ambulance. In our district, many parents work at the packing plant and are difficult to reach in a timely manner. This year I had a dad ride across town on his bicycle to pick up his child and take home. Needless to say we loaded them up in a van and took them home. Having stock Albuterol at school is not only cost effective, but provides timely treatment and can prevent an emergency situation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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