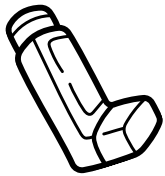


FAQs of the new RESCUE program in Illinois 2023-2024 School Year

What is RESCUE?

RESCUE is an asthma intervention program for schools that helps keep children with asthma in the classroom and out of emergency rooms.

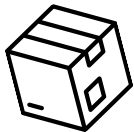


Thanks to Public Act 100-0726, schools in Illinois are allowed to store and administer "undesignated" asthma medication to students, staff, and school visitors experiencing a medical emergency. For some school districts, getting a standing order, filling out a prescription or procuring equipment has been challenging.

Thanks to a grant by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America chapter in Missouri will be able to give asthma equipment to the majority of public K-12 schools in Illinois. We have been operating the RESCUE program for 12 years in the St. Louis metro area and have proven experience working with providers, pharmacists, and school districts to keep kids safe.

What do I get?

The RESCUE program has three packages:



- A **medication package** with 3 metered dose inhalers.
- An **equipment package** with 3 chambers and 10 disposable spacers
- An **education box** with 1 peak flow meter, a program overview, and a storage tote bag

Which schools are eligible?

Schools with higher enrollment and higher asthma risk will receive multiple sets of medication and equipment.



To see how exactly what your school or school district is eligible for, please visit www.aafastl.org/rescue-illinois-schools/

How do I sign up?



RESCUE is an automatic enrollment program. All schools are included by default! We encourage you to sign up for one of our upcoming RESCUE trainings now so you can use your eligible equipment as soon as possible.

Sign up for an Illinois training on our website: www.aafastl.org/rescue-illinois-schools/

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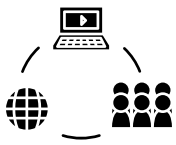
How and why do I report online?



We are required to have schools report their usage of the RESCUE medication and equipment. To report online, you must first register with our portal. Visit <https://aafastl.org/rescue-illinois-schools> and hit "Click Here to Register (NEW USERS)."

This way we can learn how to bring you even BETTER resources in the future!

How do I get trained?



We are offering many training opportunities at the start of the school year. There is a combination of virtual, on-demand, and in-person training sessions.

To see our training schedule, please visit www.aafastl.org/rescue-illinois-schools/

If you would like to schedule a virtual or in-person training for your school district and/or region, please contact AAFA's Director of Programs, Naomi Soto: nsoto@aafastl.org

Can only nurses be trained?



Nurses are the primary administrators of the RESCUE program, but Public Act 100-0726 is not exclusive to school nurses! We recognize that not all schools have a nurse on campus. Not to mention an asthma emergency can happen anywhere - sports games, field trips, after school, etc.

Any trained school official is eligible to administer RESCUE medication. We encourage coaches, PE teachers, school administration, and security staff to all consider attending a RESCUE training.

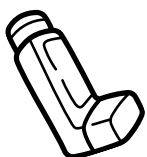
Do I need to get a prescription?



AAFA has that covered! We have worked with providers, pharmacists, and medical equipment vendors to get you everything you need.

Now if your school district or county already has a standing order in place, we can absolutely coordinate efforts.

Can I reorder materials or medication?



Short answer: yes.

We are still working on the reordering process, but we are working with our program partners to make the reordering process as simple as possible. More details on the ordering process will be released by November.

To learn more about the RESCUE Illinois program, please visit www.aafastl.org for more information.

Still have questions?
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