



**Committee:** House Ways and Means Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 420 – Education and Health – Emergency Use – Epinephrine - Alterations

**Hearing Date:** February 5, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) support *House Bill 420 - Education and Health – Emergency Use – Epinephrine – Alterations*. The bill updates the emergency use program for epinephrine in schools to allow for the use of Neffy, a form of epinephrine administered by nasal spray. In August 2024, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Neffy for use with adults and children weighing more than sixty-six pounds.<sup>i</sup> The nasal spray is easier to use than the injectable form of epinephrine, but Maryland law only authorized the use of auto-injectable epinephrine. The legislation will correct that problem by permitting other forms of epinephrine approved by the FDA.

We ask for a favorable vote. If we can provide any information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).

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<sup>i</sup> [https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-nasal-spray-treatment-anaphylaxis#:~:text=For%20Immediate%20Release:%20August%2009,kilograms%20\(about%2066%20pounds\).](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-nasal-spray-treatment-anaphylaxis#:~:text=For%20Immediate%20Release:%20August%2009,kilograms%20(about%2066%20pounds).)