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**New Jersey One of Six States Honored for School Policies
Regarding Student Asthma and Allergy Prevention and Management**

Commissioner Lucille E. Davy today announced that New Jersey is one of six states recently named by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) to its 2009 State Honor Roll, which recognizes states with outstanding policies regarding the management and prevention of student asthma and allergies.

AAFA analyzed states based on 18 policy standards in three categories – medication and treatment, awareness and school environment – and named to its second-annual honor roll those states that had at least 15 of the standards. New Jersey, which has in place 17 of the standards, joined Connecticut; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; Vermont; and Washington in receiving the foundation's top honor.

The New Jersey policies cited by AAFA include a law enacted in 2007 by Governor Jon S. Corzine that provides for the following: policies to allow students to self-administer medication; guidelines to schools for the management of food allergies and the administration of epinephrine; and district policies regarding the emergency administration of epinephrine via pre-filled auto-injectors.

"During the school day, asthma and allergies can pose serious health problems for children and urgent situations for educators," said Commissioner Davy. "It is important that schools throughout the state have the proper policies in place to help students manage their allergies or asthma and to respond effectively should a health emergency arise."

More information on AAFA's 2009 State Honor Roll can be found at www.StateHonorRoll.com.