



Medical Condition Policy

AIM

The Educators at Tranby College Child Care Centre will endeavour to facilitate the effective care and health management of children with asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy and other medical conditions.

To provide, as far as practical, an environment where a child with asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy or other medical conditions is able to participate equally in all aspects of the program, by minimising the risk of exposure of children identified with asthma, allergies and anaphylaxis to “known” allergens and Management will ensure educators are trained in the administration of the specific medication and ongoing care for the child. Educators and families communicate to keep up to date and aware of medical management plans and treatments for children and any changes that may arise within these plans.

Identifying children with medical conditions

At time of enrolment parents will be asked to identify if their child has a medical condition, including the diagnosis of asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy or any other medical condition.

If a parent indicates a medical condition is present,

- The parents will be required to work with the service to develop a risk minimisation plan, communication plan.
- A medical management plan (to be developed by a medical professional) will be expected to be provided by the family/guardian.
- Parents/Guardians will be provided with a copy of the medical Conditions Policy.
- Parents are required to notify on enrolment of foods and substances that children are able to eat/touch, along with details of foods or substances they are to avoid.
- Where the details of known allergens change or there is a change in the medical condition, parents/guardians will be required to notify these changes to the Director as soon as practical, using methods identified in the communication plan.

Where a child already enrolled at Tranby College Child Care Centre subsequently falls into the above category then the parents/guardians will also be required to follow these procedures as detailed above.

The child's care will be suspended until the information required is obtained by the service.

PROCEDURE

Tranby College Child Care Centre will;

- Display each affected child's Emergency Action Plan within each room, office and the kitchen.
- Ensure that all educators are aware of any child enrolled in the service who has been identified as having an allergy or at risk of anaphylaxis, a diagnosis of Asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or any other medical condition.
- Endeavour to have permanent educators trained in identifying signs of hypoglycaemia and hyperglycaemia should a child with this condition (Diabetes) be enrolled.
- Where a child is enrolled with other medical conditions the service will endeavour to have educators trained in any emergency response first aid that may be relevant and appropriate.
- Ensure that all educators are aware of where any medication for the treatment of allergies, such as antihistamine or an Epi-pen, asthma medication or other emergency medication is stored.
- Ensure that a child's medication or Epi-Pen is taken with the child should the child leave the centre for an excursion or emergency departure.
- Ensure that there is signage to indicate where each child's medication is stored.
- Implement the Emergency Action Plan in the event of a medical emergency if this action is required the educator or Director will contact an ambulance, and the family as soon as possible. The Director will notify the Approved Provider as soon as practicable and either will make a notification to the Regulatory Authority, ACECQA via the NQA ITS website within 24 hours.

Parents/Guardians of a child with known allergies or children with anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or other medical conditions will be required to:

- Inform the Director on enrolment of the child's "known" medical condition
- Develop an Emergency Action Plan for the child in consultation with the Director and the child's Doctor.
- The parent/guardian will assist in the completion of a risk minimisation plan that will be conducted in consultation with the Director to identify any perceived risk and determined strategies to reduce exposures to the risk.
- Develop a communication plan with the Director to determine the most appropriate means of communicating about the child's medical condition.
- Give permission for the centre to display the Emergency Action plan, containing a picture of the child, and parental contact phone numbers, within the centre. Parents are to acknowledge that this will be visible to educators, other parents and community visitors within the centre.
- Provide any medication including an Epi-Pen (if required), asthma relieving medication and spacer to the service.
- Regularly check the expiration date on any medication.
- Inform educators of any changes to the status of the child's medical condition.

General risk minimisation strategies for children with allergies or at risk of anaphylaxis

- Children will not be isolated while eating, however children with like allergies may sit together, to reduce the risk of contact allergy or air borne reactions if so determines in consultation with the parents/guardians.
- The service will continue to remind all parents foods likely to cause allergy is not to be bought into the centre.
- The parents/guardians are asked to ask the educators if there are any specific requirements prior to bringing in special celebration foods.
- The director in consultation with educators will discuss and inform parents of any observable change to any individual child's reaction or perceived allergic response to a possible or known allergen in order for them to review or develop a specific health management strategy or Emergency Action Plan.

Sourced Education and Care Services National Regulations 2012, NQS – QA1, QA2, QA3, QA4, QA5, QA6, QA7; Early Years Learning Framework, Outcomes 1,2,3,4,5

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