

Medical Conditions Policy

Aim:

To ensure the appropriate management of medical conditions including asthma, diabetes or a diagnosis of anaphylaxis.

Implementation:

The nominated supervisor, staff and volunteers of il nido Children's Centre will be informed of any practices in relations to managing the above medical conditions.

(Taken from Clause 90 of the Education and Care Services National Regulation)

The nominated supervisor, educator and volunteers of the service must be aware of any medical conditions of any child enrolled at the service. They must also be aware of the medical management plans that need to be followed in the event of an incident relating to the child's specific health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition. Upon enrolment families will be provided with the relevant medical conditions action plans. These are to be filled out by a health practitioner prior to the child commencing at the centre. A child cannot commence care if they have a medical condition unless the necessary medical conditions forms are provided.

We will provide a copy of the Medical Conditions Policy upon enrolment to all families with a child identified with a medical condition. We will ensure that at all times of operation of the licensed centre that at least one member of the recognised asthma, anaphylaxis and first aid training.

A medical conditions plan may include the following; a modified diet care plan, asthma care plan, medical information, a medication plan or individual first aid plan. Medical Conditions Plan will:

- Identify the child's medical condition and a description of the condition.
- Outline first aid to be administered if the condition occurs at the centre.
- Outline practices and procedures to ensure parents are notified of any known allergens that pose a risk to a child and strategies for minimising the risks (if relevant).

Parents/caregivers will be informed that the child will be unable to attend the centre without the correct and in date medication prescribed by the child's medical practitioner in relation to the child's specific health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition.

All educators and volunteers of the centre will be informed of the medical management plans for all children who have a specific health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition as well as the location of the child's medication. A picture of the child displayed in the room with their condition/allergy to ensure all educators, students and volunteers can clearly identify the child.

Each room has a medication, medical conditions and allergies record folder. The folder includes the medical management plans and medical condition plans for the child. The folder will also include a copy of the medical conditions policy.

All medication, allergy and medical conditions plans need to be reviewed on an annual basis by a medical practitioner.

This service currently does not permit the self-administration of medication by children.

If you require further information regarding any of our policies, go to www.decd.sa.gov.au

In accordance with Quality Area 2: Health and Safety

All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their physical and psychological wellbeing and provides support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.

Element 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported.

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