

Emergency Medical Care Policy

Name of Program:	(License/Registration/CC Number):	
Program Type (Choose One): <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center <input type="checkbox"/> License Exempt Program <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Group Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start	Director/Administrator/Owner Name:	Contact Phone Number:
Address:		
City/Zip Code:		

Rationale:

Many children who have an allergy have their first allergic reaction in the child care setting. Child care providers need to be aware of the signs and symptoms that indicate an allergic reaction as well as be prepared to call 911/emergency services when required for life threatening situations and injuries. In cases of emergency, it is important to respond calmly. Posting information (address and any building access) in visible areas throughout the program is important to have so any staff member making the call can give clear information to the dispatcher.

Allergies/Allergic Reaction Overview

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America defines an allergy as “An allergy occurs when the body’s immune system sees a substance as harmful and overreacts to it.” There are multiple ways an allergen can make its way into your body and cause an allergic reaction.

1. You can inhale allergens into your nose and lungs. (E.g., pollen, mold spores, dust, animal dander, and latex dust).
2. You can ingest allergens by mouth. (This includes foods and medications you eat or swallow).
3. Your body can have allergens injected into it. (This includes medicine by needles and venom from insect stings and bites).
4. Your skin can absorb allergens. (Plants such as poison ivy, sumac and oak can cause reactions when touched. Latex, metals and ingredients in beauty care and household products are other examples).

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Allergic reactions can present in a few different ways and can be mild to life threatening. Some symptoms of an allergic reaction include but are not limited to:

Itchy, watery eyes	Itchy nose	Sneezing
Runny nose	Rashes	Hives (a rash with raised red patches)
Redness	Pain	Tongue swelling
Coughing	Wheezing (a whistling sound when breathing)	Chest tightness and losing breath
Feeling faint, light-headed, or blacking out	Throat closing	Swelling
Stomach cramps	Diarrhea	Bloating

Other Medical Emergencies

Other medical emergencies and accidents are always a possibility in the child care setting no matter how much we plan or try to prevent them. Some examples of other medical emergencies that may take place include but are not limited to:

- Injuries (scrapes, cuts, bruises, broken bones)
- Burns
- Suffocation
- Choking
- Poisoning
- Traffic accidents
- Pedestrian accidents

Policy:

_____ provides the appropriate medical care in case of an emergency due to allergies and/or other medical emergencies. Our program obtains health information about children that includes allergies, this information is shared with program prohibits some foods being served in cases of medically documented food allergies.

Describe how you collect information about children’s allergies.
Where do you keep information about children’s allergies? How do you share this information with staff?

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Describe your program's procedure for medical emergencies related to allergies. What steps do you take?

Describe symptoms when staff will seek emergency medical help.

List the persons responsible/authorized to give emergency medical medication to a child (EpiPen, Benadryl, etc.) and call 911 or other emergency services.

List the persons responsible/authorized to call the child's parent/guardian.

List the persons responsible/authorized to travel to the doctor/hospital with the child until parent/guardian arrives.



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Our program uses the following numbers or emergency contacts for non-life-threatening events.

Closest Hospital	
EMS/EMT	911
Local Police	911
Local Police Non-Emergency Line	
Local Fire Department	911
Local Weather Channel (TV/Radio)	
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Pest Control	
Animal Control	

_____, staff have been informed, read, understand, and agree to implement/abide by the Emergency Medical Care policy as written. Our program understands that non-compliance with this policy can result in adverse actions.

Print Name of Authorized Personnel:	
Signature of Authorized Personnel:	Date: