

1.3 Children with Special Needs

Policy Statement

The Director will accept the enrolment of children with special needs only after due consideration of the child's actual needs and the Centres' ability to provide necessary care and supervision without compromising the Centres' duty of care to the other children. The requirements of children with additional needs have to be continually assessed and the ability of the Centres to provide continuing care and supervision through the various age groups must be taken into account. QA 2.1.1, 2.1.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 4.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.3.1, 7.3.5

Responsibilities of parents

- To inform the Service of any updates to their child's Medical Management Plan.
- To ensure the child's medication is brought to the Service every time the child attends the Service.

Links to other policies

- Administration of Medication Policy
- Educator Professionalism and Ethics Policy
- Enrolment and Orientation Policy
- Food Preparation, Storage and Handling Policy
- Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy
- Nutrition, Food and Beverage Policy
- Students, Volunteers and Visitors Policy

Sources

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- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.
- Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011.

Further reading and useful websites

- Allergy New Zealand – <http://www.allergy.org.nz/>
- Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia – <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/>
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- Department of Health (Western Australia). *Anaphylaxis Management Guidelines for Western Australian Child Care and Outside School Hours Care Service*. http://www.health.wa.gov.au/anaphylaxis/docs/child_care/11289%20CC6%20Guidelines.pdf accessed 24 November 2013
- Diabetes Australia. (2013). *Diabetes Brochures and Booklets*. <http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/Resources/Brochures--Booklets1/> accessed 24 November 2013
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- National Asthma Foundation Council Australia – www.nationalasthma.org.au
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- Queensland Health. (2013). *Topic: Anaphylaxis*. http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/AccidentsInjuriesandPoisonings/AllergicReactions/anaphylaxis_is.asp accessed 24 November 2013
- Royal Melbourne Children’s Hospital – <http://www.rch.org.au/home/> Royal Melbourne Hospital. (2010). *Caring for Diabetes in Children and Adolescents*. 3rd Ed. http://www.rch.org.au/diabetesmanual/index.cfm?doc_id=2352 accessed 24 November 2013
- The Victorian Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. (2008). *Anaphylaxis model policy*. <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/PDF/Anaphylaxis%20model%20policy%20Oct%202008.pdf> accessed 24 November 2013

Policy review

The Service encourages staff and parents to be actively involved in the annual review of each of its policies and procedures. In addition, the Service will accommodate any new legislative changes as they occur and any issues identified as part the Service's commitment to quality improvement. The Service consults with relevant recognised authorities as part of the annual review to ensure the policy contents are consistent with current research and contemporary views on best practice.

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