

are developed and implemented if relevant (we will follow all health, hygiene and safe food policies and procedures)

- All parents are notified of any known allergens that pose a risk to a child and how these risks will be minimised
- A child does not attend the service without medication prescribed by their medical practitioner in relation to their specific medical condition.

This plan will be signed by parents, the Nominated Supervisor and relevant educators. We have a template resource for this purpose titled 'Medical Conditions Risk Minimisation Plan'.

The Medical Management and Risk Minimisation plans will be kept in the child's file and a copy of the plans stored securely with the child's medication, emergency evacuation kit and first aid kit. The plans will be displayed in areas which are not accessed by families and visitors to protect the child's privacy.

The medical plans will also be taken on any excursions.

Medical Conditions Communication Plan

The Nominated Supervisor will implement a medical conditions communication plan to ensure that relevant educators, staff and volunteers:

- Understand the Medical Conditions Policy
- Can easily identify a child with health care needs or medical conditions
- Understand the child's health care needs and medical conditions and their medical management and risk

- Request families to label all bottles, drinks and lunchboxes etc. with their child's name
- Consider whether it's necessary to change or restrict the use of food products in craft, science experiments and cooking classes so children with allergies can participate
- Sensitive seat a child with allergies at a different table if food is being served that he/she is allergic to, so the child does not feel excluded.
- Closely supervise all children at meal and snack times, ensure food is eaten in specified areas and children are not permitted to 'wander around' the service with food

The Nominated Supervisor will also:

- Instruct educators and staff on the need to prevent cross contamination
- Consider requesting parents to not send food that contains highly allergenic elements, even if their child does not have an allergy eg by placing a sign near the front door reminding families about this. In the case of a nut allergy this may prevent, for example, parents or other individuals visiting the service from bringing any foods or products containing nuts or nut material such as:
 - o Peanuts, brazil nuts, cashew nuts, hazelnuts, almonds, pecan nuts
 - o Any other type of tree or ground nuts, peanut oil or other nut based oil or cooking product, peanut or any nut sauce, peanut butter, hazelnut spread, marzipan
 - o Any other food which contains nuts such as chocolates, sw

- o Many species of plants, especially those with thorns and stings
- o Latex and rubber products
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An asthma attack can become life threatening if not treated properly. If a child is displaying asthma symptoms, educators will:

- Ensure a first aid trained educator with approved asthma training immediately attends to the child. If the procedures outlined in the child's medical management plan do not alleviate the asthma symptoms, or the child does not have a medical management plan, the educator will provide appropriate first aid, which may include the steps outlined in the National Asthma Council Australia Action P :

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia www.allergyfacts.org.au

Australian Diabetes Council