

Medical Conditions Policy



Procedure Relevant to:	All staff, Educators & families
Procedure	Medical Conditions Procedure
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Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that Adventure Patch educators and staff can effectively respond to and manage medical conditions including asthma, diabetes (if required) and anaphylaxis our services to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, educators, staff and visitors.

Aim

Adventure Patch is committed to ensuring the inclusion of children with diagnosed medical conditions within its programs and to providing a safe and caring learning environment for these children. Inclusive programs encourage and allow all children genuine opportunities to participate in early learning programs.

Management of Medical Conditions

Adventure Patch will adhere to privacy and confidentiality procedures when dealing with individual health needs. All documentation regarding the child and their medical condition will be shared confidentially at all times.

Educators are also responsible for raising any concerns with a child's parents about any medical condition/suspected medical condition, or known allergens that pose a risk to the child.

Any child enrolled in an Adventure Patch service, with a diagnosed medical condition will be required to have a Medical Management Action Plan signed by their medical practitioner outlining the required management of the medical condition.

Educators and staff will be notified of any child with a medical condition. All educators and staff at the service must follow a child's Medical Management Action Plan in the event of an incident related to a child's specific health care need, allergy or medical condition.

Where medication is administered to a child at Adventure Patch, educators, and staff hold a duty of care to ensure that medication is administered in accordance with regulations and law. Medication will only be administered at Adventure Patch services where absolutely necessary to ensure a child's continued health and well-being.

In the event of an incident relating to the child's specific health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition the child's Medical Management Action Plan will be followed by the Service Educators.



Paracetamol will not be administered unless in an emergency and only with written permission from parents (i.e. email or text message). In the event that authorised persons cannot be contacted in an emergency, paracetamol can be administered at the discretion of the Director providing permission has been given on the enrolment form.

In the case of an emergency.

- If verbal authorisation is given by a parent or a person named in the child's enrolment record as authorised to consent to administration of medication, the service will require written confirmation.
- If such a person cannot reasonably be contacted in the circumstances, a registered medical practitioner or an emergency service will be contacted.
- Medication may be administered to a child without an authorisation in case of an anaphylaxis or asthma emergency.

Important Note:

Under the Education and Care Services National Regulations children with a diagnosed medical condition that require medication must not attend the Centre without their medication which has been prescribed by the child's medical practitioner in relation to their specific health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition.

