

## 2.23 MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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**NEXT REVIEW DATE:** March, 2021  
**POLICY ALIGNS TO:** National Regulation 90, National Standards 2.1.2, 2.2.1

### Policy

To ensure each child's health needs and actions to deal with their health needs are documented and actioned.

### Procedure

Parents of children with medical conditions i.e. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or a diagnosis that a child is at risk of anaphylaxis, will be required to provide the service with a Medical Management Plan or a plan developed by their medical practitioner, which is to be followed in the event of an incident relating to the child's specific health care need, allergy or medical condition.

The Medical Management Plan is to be developed to ensure that the risks relating to the child's specific health care needs, or relevant medical condition are assessed and minimised.

Children's health requirements can change over time and as children develop, therefore Medical Management Plans are to be reviewed regularly with clear communication strategies between the educator, parent and child.

In the case of a child who has been assessed under the medical plan to be capable of administering their own medication, educators are to ensure that all of the normal requirements are met, i.e. correct medication for child, correct dose, parent permission, records completed etc. (see; Self Administration of Medication Policy).

The educator continues to have the same duty of care to children who self-administer their medication and they must be fully supervised during the administering process.

Medicines must be stored in line with recommendations listed on the packaging and out of reach of children.

### Medical Condition Policy to be supplied to the Parent

If the service or the educator is aware that a child has a specific health care need, allergy or other relevant medical condition they are required to supply the parent with a copy of the Medical Conditions Policy and a Medical Management Plan for them to complete.

### Communication Plan to be followed at all times

Communication between the parent and educator is vital to ensure optimal management of the child's medical condition. The Medical Management and Communication Plan has a Declaration section for the child's parent/guardian and educator to complete which outlines the actions and communication that needs to occur.