

D-18 Diabetes

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National Regulations

Reg. 90	Medical conditions policy
Reg. 91	Medical conditions policy to be provided to parents
Reg. 136	First aid qualifications
Reg. 145	Educators record
Reg. 162	Health information to be kept in enrolment record
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

My Time, Our Place

LO. 1	Children feel safe, secure, and supported
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Policy Statement

We aim to provide safe and effective care for children diagnosed with diabetes by ensuring all educators are fully aware of the individual needs of each child. All educators will be appropriately trained in emergency first aid to ensure they are able to adequately administer medication and respond appropriately in a diabetes emergency.

Related Policies

- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy A-4: Enrolment
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy A-10: Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisations
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy C-3: Educator Orientation and Induction
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy C-9: Relief Educators
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy C-10: Volunteers/Students/Visitors
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-1: Dealing with Medical Conditions
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-3: Food and Nutrition

- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-10: First Aid
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-20: Medication

Procedure

Parents will be required to inform the Centre of any child diagnosed by a medical practitioner as having diabetes at the time of enrolment. This information is recorded on the enrolment form.

Parents are reminded of this requirement through the Family Handbook.

The Centre Director will organise a meeting with the parents/guardians of the child to discuss the details of managing the child's condition during their time at the Centre.

Parents will be required to provide a copy of a diabetic emergency plan, as authorised by the medical practitioner (Regulation 90). Permission will be required from parents to have the diabetic emergency plan displayed in a location visible and accessible to educators responsible for the child.

The following will need to be obtained from the parents before the child is able to attend the service:

- Blood Glucose Test authorisation
- Blood glucose testing kit, labelled clearly with the child's name
- Diabetic emergency plan, as authorised by medical practitioner

If the child requires any additional considerations with regards to toileting, meal times, food restrictions, physical activity etc., the parent/guardian must advise the Centre Director upon enrolment, or as soon as is relevant. It is the duty of the Centre Director to ensure this information is made available to the educators responsible for the child.

Alternatives will be provided for any child diagnosed with diabetes at meal times, where possible and/or appropriate.

Any medication or relevant medical equipment required must be supplied by the parents in a hard plastic box, clearly marked with the child's name and any additional relevant information must be kept with the medication at all times.

All medication must be stored in an area easily accessible to educators but inaccessible to children and away from any direct heat source.

All blood glucose testing and emergency response in regards to a diabetic child, must be managed only by the educators on duty that are First Aid trained. Where the child is able and confident to test their Blood Glucose Levels independently, a quiet area will be provided for them to do so. The child will be monitored and required to advise an educator that they have completed their test so as to keep them informed of their current levels.

All educators, including relief educators and volunteers, will be informed of the current enrolled children who have been diagnosed as diabetic upon employment. It is the responsibility of all educators to familiarise themselves with any children diagnosed.

In the event of a diabetic emergency occurring, educators will follow the instructions on the child's diabetes emergency plan.


Parents/guardians of children who have been diagnosed as diabetic must be provided with a copy of the Diabetes Policy (Regulation 91).

If relevant, policies and practices in relation to specific needs of individual children will be developed and implemented.

Any educators who has been diagnosed as diabetic by a medical practitioner must advise the Centre Director. This will be recorded in their emergency details form and any additional information recorded on file.

Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard
- Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)
- United Nations Rights of the Child (Article 24)
- Diabetes NSW - <http://www.australiandiabetescouncil.com/>



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