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Medical Conditions Policy

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Legislation:	Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 Education and Care Services National Law 2011
Reference:	National Quality Framework resource Kit 2011 Community Child Care Cooperative, Sample Policies, 2012

Introduction

The Bangalow Community Children's Service aims to ensure all children are able to fully participate in the program. Children with medical conditions which may include, asthma, diabetes or anaphylaxis require special care and consideration to ensure the risks associated with their specific condition are minimised and Educators are able to promptly and effectively respond to each child's individual needs.

Goals

- Develop partnerships with families to ensure optimum outcomes, participation and a high level of care for children with medical conditions attending the service.
- Ensure educators have the knowledge and training to effectively respond to the needs of children with specific medical conditions.
- Develop procedures to ensure children's needs and appropriate responses are communicated within the service.
- Ensure individual medical management and risk assessment plans are developed in consultation with families and allied health professionals.

Practices

- Upon enrolment children's specific health information will be recorded and communicated to Educators caring for the child.
- Families will be requested to provide a medical management plan.
- Families must provide any medications prescribed by the child's health practitioner specific to the child's condition that the service will need in case of a health incident.
- Children's medical management plans are clearly displayed to ensure Educators, visitors and students are aware of the needs of individual children with medical conditions.
- A risk minimisation plan will be developed in consultation with Educators, families and where appropriate allied health professionals. These plans will be readily accessible to Educators.
- Medical management plans and risk management plans will be reviewed regularly.
- Educators communicate children's specific medical needs to new staff before they commence their shift.
- Families of children with specific medical conditions will be provided with a copy of the medical conditions policy and any other related policies e.g., anaphylaxis policy.
- Educators will receive annual anaphylaxis and asthma training and will participate in any training that is relevant to the medical needs of children in their care.

- A poster will be displayed to make families aware of potential allergens that may affect the health of a child in a specific room e.g. allergy to nuts
- Any medical occurrences where treatment has been required will be recorded in the health/accident book and a copy will be given to parents and another is to be kept in the child's file
- Children with medical conditions are supported to develop an understanding of their condition, triggers and symptoms and how to communicate and manage these.

National Regulations

92 Medication record

93 Administration of medication

94 Exception to authorisation requirement—anaphylaxis or asthma emergency

95 Procedure for administration of medication

162 Health information to be kept in enrolment record

NQS

2.1.1 Each child's wellbeing and comfort is provided for.

2.1.2 Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practises are promoted and implemented.

EYLF

Learning Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense wellbeing

Children take responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

Related Policies

Asthma Policy

Anaphylaxis Policy

Incident, injury, trauma and illness Policy

Child Health Policy

Hand washing Policy

Food nutrition and safety Policy

Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed as per regulatory requirements or earlier if the need arises.

Family and staff feedback will be considered in the review process. Changes in legislation, regulations, NQF and standards will be considered.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to families and staff.

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The **Medical Conditions Policy** has been read, understood and reviewed by:

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Comments on Medical Conditions Policy

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