Department of Education

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Student health care

On enrolment you will be asked to provide your child's health information to help the school meet your child's health needs.

You will be asked to:

- provide your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) immunisation history statement
- complete a Health Care Summary form with details about health care needs and information to use in a medical emergency
- complete Management and Emergency Response Plans where the Health Care Summary indicates your child needs support at school.

If your child's medical needs are complex, you can arrange a meeting with the school.

Management and Emergency Response Plan

A Management and Emergency Response Plan provides your child's school with information they need to respond to specific medical needs. The plan outlines:

- a daily management plan
- an emergency response plan
- staff training requirements
- medication instructions such as dosage, storage and when it needs to be taken
- your authority to act.

Management and Emergency Response Plans may need to have a signature from your child's medical practitioner.

It is important to ensure the plan is in place as soon as possible. You should also review the plan each year or as your child's needs change.

Types of plans

Management and Emergency Response Plan templates are available from your school for common conditions such as:

- severe allergy or anaphylaxis
- mild and moderate allergies
- seizure
- asthma
- activities of daily living
- emergency response plan for students with special needs
- generic health care (for all other conditions).

Plans for students with diabetes are developed using the Diabetes WA templates.

Medication and equipment

If your child needs to be given medication during school hours, you need to provide:

- medication that is labelled with your child's name, in its original packaging and is within expiry
- written authorisation for the school to administer the medication using a standard form from the school.

This applies to medication for long-term and short-term use.

If your child needs medical equipment at school, it is important to ensure you supply the equipment in good working order.

It is important that you maintain communication with your child's school, and advise of any changes or concerns you may have.

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