

Medical Conditions - Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management

Policy Statement

The BOOSH Centre has a commitment and duty of care in identifying and minimising potential risks in the centre for children with allergies and children at risk of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. The BOOSH Centre adopts a strong commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing. Practices of inclusion and participation are embedded in The BOOSH Centre program.

Education of families, children and educators is paramount in minimising the risks of an allergic or anaphylactic reaction. Known allergens will be identified and strategies to minimise exposure will be implemented. The BOOSH Centre will ensure that families and BOOSH Centre staff will work together to ensure an 'allergy aware' environment for the children

Background

The Education and Care Services National Regulations does not require approved providers have a specific policy in place for allergy and anaphylaxis management, however The BOOSH Centre implements this policy to supplement the Dealing with Medical Conditions policy.

Legislative Requirements

This policy is consistent with the legislative requirements detailed in, but not limited to, the following *Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations*:

Section/Regulation	Description
Regulation 90	Medical conditions policy
Regulation 93	Administration of medication
Regulation 94	Exception to authorisation requirement – anaphylaxis or asthma emergency
Regulation 95	Procedure for administration of medication
Regulation 170	Policies and procedures to be followed
Regulation 171	Policies and procedures to be kept available
Regulation 172	Notification of change to policies or procedures

National Quality Standard - Elements used to inform our policy

2.1.2 - Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.

2.2.2 - Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented

7.1.2 - Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective managing and operation of a quality service

Links to other policies

- Administration of First Aid
- Administration of Medication
- Medical Conditions - Asthma Management
- Dealing with Medical Conditions
- Enrolment and Orientation
- Excursions
- Management of Incident, Injury, Trauma, and Illness