



Medical Management Plan: Student with Chronic Illness or Severe Allergy

In recognition of the uniqueness of each child, the client school, student's parents and The Ecology School will work together to develop a management plan for each student with a chronic illness or severe allergy. Illnesses that may need special accommodation include but are not limited to: diabetes, asthma, severe allergy, physical limitations and/or epilepsy. Our goal is to provide a healthy and safe environment for all students.

Parents/guardians of students with chronic illness or a severe allergy must sign a consent form and, in most cases, the student's health care provider must also sign the management plan. Depending on the nature of the illness, students will be scheduled to check in with The Ecology School nurse at some or each of the scheduled med passes (8:30 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm, and 8:30 pm)

Severe Allergies

The nature of The Ecology School site does not allow us to provide an allergen-free site, but The Ecology School is allergy aware. The Ecology School will work with client school and student's family to ensure the student's nutrition needs are met. The Ecology School will work with the chef to provide as much of the student's food needs as we can, but in some cases (due to availability, cost and site), it may be necessary for student's family to provide food alternatives.

The Ecology School has adequate resources and adheres to policies that promote safe and appropriate administration of life-saving medications by staff and provides a supportive healthy environment that respects the abilities and needs of each student. The Ecology School has a plan for handling student emergencies and provides ongoing staff development about health issues.

Family's Responsibilities:

- Notify The Ecology School of the student's health management needs and diagnosis.
- Provide a written description of the student's health needs including provisions for 24-hour residential care and participate in the development of a plan to support the student's health needs while at The Ecology School.
- Provide authorizations for medication administration and emergency treatment.

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- Communicate changes in student's needs or health status to nurse.
- Provide an adequate supply of student's medication, in pharmacy-labeled containers, and other supplies as required.
- Provide The Ecology School nurse with contact information for parent/guardian or another responsible person in case of medical problem or an emergency.

In the case of diabetes:

- Provide The Ecology School nurse with a log for tracking student's blood sugars, to include a recent history of student's blood sugars.
- A second glucagon pen must be provided to keep in nurse's office.
- The Ecology School staff are not trained in the emergency administration of glucagon. Provisions should be made for emergency supplies to accompany the student with diabetes at all times.

In the case of asthma:

- If student is required to self-carry and administer inhaler, release form must be signed and a second inhaler must be provided to keep in nurse's office.

In the case of a severe allergy:

- Provide alternative food when deemed necessary by The Ecology School Director of Programs and/or parent.
- If student is required to self-carry epi-pen, release form must be signed and a second epi-pen must be provided to keep in nurse's office.

Client School's Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement protocols and established standards of care for students with chronic illnesses and allergies and adhere to federal laws that provide protection to students with disabilities.
- Clarify the roles and obligations of specific school staff to ensure that student's health needs are met in a safe and coordinated manner.
- Meet with parents, school personnel, and health care providers to address issues of concern about the provision of care to students with chronic illnesses or allergies as necessary.
- Provide The Ecology School nurse with student's 504 Plan, IEP, or other school plan as appropriate, adapted to a 24-hour residential setting and assist The Ecology School in accommodating needs as dictated by the provided plan. (This includes the provision of a 1:1 care provider as needed and 24-hour coverage for administration of emergency glucagon injection.)

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In the case of allergies:

- Communicate with student's family and The Ecology School about nature of allergy and client school allergy policies.

The Ecology School's Responsibilities:

- Ensure the student receives prescribed medications in a safe, reliable, and effective manner and has access to needed medications at all times.
- Be prepared to handle health needs and emergencies and to ensure that there is a staff member from client school and/or The Ecology School who is properly trained to administer medications or other immediate care regardless of time and location.
- Provide a safe and healthy school environment that promotes good general health, personal care, nutrition, and physical activity.
- Ensure proper record keeping, including appropriate measures to both protect confidentiality and to share information.
- Regularly assess and monitor child's condition.
- Work with client school staff to assure accommodations are in place for the child's well-being.
- Nurse and/or appropriate Ecology School designee will be available for phone consultation in advance of student's arrival for family and school personnel

In the case of food allergy:

- Work with chef in advance to accommodate student needs when possible (ie: sandwich preparation, cookie ingredients, preparation of meat without sauces.)

Student's Responsibilities:

- Notify an adult about concerns and needs in managing his/her/their symptoms or the school environment and ensure that nurse is informed of condition.
- Participate in the care and management of his/her/their health as appropriate to his or her developmental level.

In the case of asthma:

- Student must notify the nurse if one dose of asthma medication fails to relieve symptoms.