



Jannali East Before and After School Care
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Anaphylaxis Policy

Considerations:

- **National Regulation 77**
(Health, hygiene and safe food practices)
- **National Regulation 79**
(Service providing food and beverages)
- **National Regulation 94**
(Exception to authorisation requirement – anaphylaxis or asthma emergency)
- **National Regulation 162**
(Health information to be kept in enrolment record)

Sourced:

- The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology & Allergy (www.allergy.org.au)
- National Quality Standard: Quality Area 2: Element 2.1.1
(Each child's health needs are supported)
- National Quality Standard: Quality Area 2: Element 2.1.4
(Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness, in accordance with recognised guidelines)

Related Policies:

- Health Policy
- Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy
- Nutrition and Food Safety Policy

Policy Statement:

Anaphylaxis is a sudden and severe allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis characteristically occurs soon after exposure to a “trigger”, and these reactions can be serious and even life threatening. Food is a common “trigger” and the ones most likely to cause an allergic reaction are nuts, particularly peanuts, egg, sesame seeds, milk products, fish and shellfish. Other “triggers” may include medications, insect vermin from bees and wasps, dust and grass.

Our policy has been developed because of the increasing numbers of children in the community who have experienced an anaphylactic reaction. On enrolment of a child with Anaphylaxis, educators and parents will develop specific procedures that reflect the specific needs of the child involved, in order to:

- To ensure a safe and healthy environment for the children attending our centre.

- To ensure our centre takes appropriate action to prevent contact with known allergens triggers for a child with a severe allergy.
- To ensure our centre has appropriate and safe procedures and management strategies in place to manage an anaphylactic reaction should one occur.

We provide a relevant, inclusive and well-managed quality educational program for children. We recognise our responsibility to provide a varied and balanced program that reflects the individual needs of children attending, in a safe and supportive environment for both children and their families. We are committed to working with families in managing our environment in order to provide a safe place for children who are known to have severe allergies or who are at risk of anaphylactic reactions.

Procedures:

- Management of anaphylaxis is by strict avoidance of the allergen. There needs to be a major emphasis on prevention by avoiding the possibility that the child could be exposed to the offending allergen.
- The enrolment form will ask whether the child has experienced any allergic reactions to chemicals, sunscreen, animals, food products, etc. If the answer is yes, the parents will be asked to obtain the appropriately coloured action plan form completed by a doctor. This form will need to be submitted with the enrolment form and any changes to the child's individual health information must be provided to the centre immediately. Children will not be able to attend the service until the Management Plan and, if necessary an epipen are provided.
- Make sure the Management Plan clearly states what signs and symptoms the child is likely to exhibit if they are exposed to the allergen. It should estimate how much time might elapse before the situation could be expected to escalate to a life-threatening situation.
- The Management Plan needs to include a direction for educators to phone 000 and state that the child is experiencing an anaphylactic reaction as only intensive care ambulances carry adrenalin (the medication to treat anaphylaxis.)
- Parents need to provide a current photo of the child, to be placed in a strategic position within the Centre to ensure all educators, including casuals, are able to recognise and are aware of the child and the potential serious nature of the child's condition. The Centre will ensure that confidentiality is addressed within this context and still achieve a satisfactory balance with the child's safety.
- Ensure educators attend a training session on preventing and managing an anaphylactic reaction. This training must be current and be offered to all new educators working with the child. The certificate of training will be displayed and placed in the certificate folder.
- In order to prevent contact with known allergens, educators must consider all aspects of the centre's program and make appropriate decisions in consultation with the parents of the child with the severe allergy.

Endorsement by the Service:

Considered and accepted by the Management Committee (representative):

Name Signature Date

Considered and accepted by the Staff (representative):

Name Signature Date

Considered and accepted by the Parents (representative):

Name Signature Date

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