

Ferry Beach Ecology School

Medical Management Plan -- Student with Chronic Illness or Severe Allergy

Students at Ferry Beach Ecology School (FBES) have full access to health services by a school nurse. The FBES nurse will identify students with chronic illness or severe allergies through review of student health forms and in consultation with the client school nurse. These may include but are not limited to; diabetes, asthma, severe allergy and/or epilepsy. In recognition of the uniqueness of each child and their illness, the FBES nurse, in collaboration with the client school's nurse and the student's family, will develop a management plan for each student. Our goal is to provide a healthy and safe environment for all students.

Parents of students with chronic illness or a severe allergy must sign a parent 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 FBES 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 FBES site does not allow us to provide an allergen-free site. FBES will work with client school and student's family to ensure the student's nutrition needs are met. The FBES nurse and/or director will work with FBES 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.

FBES 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. FBES has a plan for handling student emergencies and provides ongoing staff development about health issues.

Family's Responsibilities:

- Notify FBES of the student's health management needs and diagnosis.
- Provide a written description of the student's health needs while at FBES including provisions for 24 hour residential care and participate in the development of a plan to support the student's health needs while at FBES
- Provide authorizations for medication administration and emergency treatment
- Communicate changes in student's needs or health status to FBES nurse
- Provide an adequate supply of student's medication, in pharmacy-labeled containers, and other supplies as required.
- Provide FBES 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 FBES 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 FBES nurse's office
- FBES staff are not trained in the emergency administration of glucagon. Provisions will 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 FBES nurse's office.

In the case of a severe allergy:

- Provide alternative food when deemed necessary by FBES school nurse and 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 FBES 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 FBES nurse with student's 504 Plan, IEP, or other school plan as appropriate, adapted to a 24 hour residential setting and assist FBES 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)
- *In the case of allergies:* communicate with student's family and FBES about nature of allergy and client school allergy policies.

FBES' Responsibilities:

- Identify students with chronic conditions, and review their health records as submitted by families, participating school, and health care providers
- 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 FBES 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
- FBES nurse 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)
- Nurse works with coordinating teacher and/or director to put student at an allergy sensitive table in the dining hall when necessary

Student's Responsibilities:

- Notify an adult about concerns and needs in managing his or her symptoms or the school environment and ensure that FBES nurse is informed of condition
- Participate in the care and management of his or her health as appropriate to his or her developmental level
- *In the case of asthma:* Student must notify the FBES nurse if one dose of asthma medication fails to relieve symptoms.