142I.21 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS OR DISABILITIES.

(a) For children with disabilities who require therapy, additional behavior guidance, programming, or alternative accommodations, a parent or health care provider must provide written instructions for the license holder to follow.

(b) All activities must be designed to include all children unless a specific medical contraindication exists.

(c) All caregivers responsible for the care of a child with a disability or special health care need must explain to a parent and the agency how the child's specific needs are being met.

(d) Before enrolling a child for care, the license holder must obtain documentation of any known allergies on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The form must be readily available to all caregivers and reviewed by the license holder and each caregiver annually and when any updates or changes are made.

(e) If a child has a known allergy, the primary provider of care must maintain current information about the allergy in the child's record, ensure that required medication is on hand, and follow the allergy plan signed by a treating medical professional. The child's plan must include:

(1) a description of the allergy;

(2) specific triggers and avoidance techniques;

(3) symptoms of an allergic reaction; and

(4) procedures for responding to an allergic reaction, including any medication and dosage to be administered in an emergency situation.

(f) A caregiver must call emergency medical services when epinephrine is administered to a child in the license holder's care.

(g) The caregiver must contact the child's parent immediately after any instance of exposure to an allergen or allergic reaction.

History: *1Sp2017 c 6 art 16 s 17; 2024 c 80 art 2 s 74; 2024 c 115 art 16 s 41; 2026 c 127 art 13 s 22*