

Will your child need medication while in child care?

All child care centers, family child care providers and school age programs must be approved in order to administer medication to children in their care.

When you choose a child care program think about:

- Do you want your child to be able to receive medication like Tylenol if she/he develops a fever while in care?
- Does your child occasionally require an antibiotic that might need to be given while in care?
- Does your child have allergies that might require the use of an epi-pen?
- Does your child have asthma that might require use of an inhaler?
- Does your child take medication on an on-going basis that would need to be given while in care?

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, you will need to find a child care program that is approved to administer medication.

What should parents do?

Ask your current or potential provider if they are approved to administer medication. If the answer is no and your child requires medicine during his/her time in care, this program may not be right for you.

There are other ways to work with a program that is not approved to administer medication. You or a family member can go to the child care program to administer the medication or your pediatrician may be able to adjust the medication so that it can be given before or after care.

There are circumstances where compliance with the American with Disability Act may require a child care provider to become approved to administer medications to care for a child with a disability. This would include children with asthma who may require an inhaler or nebulizer and children with allergies who may require an epi-pen.

**For information on programs approved to administer medication call the
Council's Referral Department at (914) 761-3456 ext. 140
Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm**