

Diabetes Management

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Introduction

The management of a child's diabetic condition is dependent upon coordination between our service, the child's family and the child's doctor. Our service recognises the need to facilitate effective care and health management of children who have diabetes, and the prevention and management of acute episodes of illness and medical emergencies.

Goals – What are we going to do?

This Diabetes Management Policy aims to:

- Raise awareness of diabetes management amongst those involved with the service;
- Provide the necessary strategies to ensure the health and safety of anyone with diabetes attending the service;
- Provide an environment in which anyone with diabetes can participate in all activities to the full extent of their capabilities; and
- Provide a clear set of guidelines and expectations to be followed with regard to the management of diabetes.

Strategies - How will it be done?

The Approved Provider will:

- Expect all staff to complete senior first aid training and fund updates.

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Provide staff with a copy of this policy and brief them on diabetes procedures upon their appointment;
- Ensure at least one staff member who has completed accredited senior first aid training is on duty whenever children are being cared for or educated;
- Identify children with diabetes during the enrolment process and inform staff;

- Provide families thus identified with a copy of this policy and Diabetes Action plan upon enrolment or diagnosis; (a *Diabetes Action Plan* template can be downloaded from www.chess.sa.edu.au/Pathways/diabcareplanjune2009.doc) – see Appendix.
- Ensure that each *Diabetes Action Plans* are received for anyone with a diagnosis of diabetes that contain information for the person's *Diabetic Management* and outline what do in relation to any *Diabetic Emergency* the person might face;
- Ensure families provide the service with the child's testing kit and hypo pack if required;
- Store *Diabetes Action Plans* in the child's enrolment record and display with a photo in the staff room;
- Formalise and document the internal procedures for emergency Diabetes treatment;
- Encourage open communication between families and staff regarding the status and impact of a child's diabetes; and
- Promptly communicate any concerns to families should it be considered that a child's diabetes is limiting his/her ability to participate fully in all activities.

Staff will:

- Ensure that they maintain current accreditation in first aid;
- Ensure that they are aware of anyone at the service with diabetes;
- Ensure that they are familiar with the symptoms of signs and symptoms and the emergency treatment of a low blood glucose level;
- Call an ambulance if they feel emergency treatment is required;
- Ensure, in consultation with the family, the health and safety of each child through supervised management of the child's diabetes;
- Where necessary, modify activities in accordance with a child's needs and abilities;
- Ensure that a child's *Diabetes Action Plan* is followed at all times;
- Promptly communicate, to management or parents/guardians, any concerns should it be considered that a child's diabetes is limiting his/her ability to participate fully in all activities; and
- Ensure that children with diabetes are treated the same as all other children.

Families will:

- Inform staff, either upon enrolment or on initial diagnosis, that their child has diabetes;
- Provide all relevant information regarding their child's diabetes via a written Diabetes Action Plan, which should be provided to the centre within seven (7) days of enrolment;
- Keep the child's testing kit and hypo pack updated as required;
- Notify the Nominated Supervisor, in writing, of any changes to the *Diabetes Action Plan* during the year;
- Ensure that they comply with all requirements and procedures in relation to the Medications Record;
- Communicate all relevant information and concerns to educators as the need arises; and
- Ensure, in consultation with the staff, the health and safety of their child through supervised management of the child's diabetes.

Adopted by the Management Committee

Signed by: Naomi Simpson, President

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