

Sample Guideline for Management of Medications and Therapies

_____ (child care center) supports a parent's lifestyle choices to promote optimal health for their child. We want to partner with you and your health providers to create a safe and healthy environment for all children. We adhere to best practices promoted by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control. In an effort to balance the needs of all children in our care and our capacity to provide safe care, we accept, administer, and manage only medications and other therapies* prescribed by a licensed health provider to care for specific health conditions. This includes topical and wearable therapies such as essential oils and jewelry.

Medication and other therapies will be administered only with the written authority of the parent/guardian and then only as prescribed by the licensed health provider. Medication must be in its original container and labelled with the child's name. Clear instructions must be provided for all medications and therapies. The medication or therapy must be started at home under your supervision to watch for any adverse reaction. Siblings cannot share medication.

* therapy is defined as treatment intended to relieve or heal a condition and may include both mainstream and complementary/alternative/integrative approaches