

April 23rd 2007

Dear Parents:

Allow me to take a moment of your time to let you know that we have received the most recent rule book by the Florida Department of Children and Families. In this rule book, given to us during our April 19th inspection, it says that as a Child Care Provider we are no longer allowed to give children under 2 years of age any medication unless it is prescription.

Breaking this new rule will be consider a "First Degree Violation", which will equal a fine, and possibly can close us down. Therefore, we ask for your cooperation.

As of today, April 24th 2007 we Cannot Dispense any over the counter medicine unless it comes with a doctor prescription label on it. No Tylenol, Motrin, Dimetap, Pediacare, Iboprofen, etc, to children under 2 years of age.

The reason for this is that if you look carefully on the label it will tell you that for a "Child Under 2 Years Old call the Doctor." As a parent you can give the medicine to your child as your drop him/her off at day care, and you can come during your lunch time a administer a second dose, but we cannot do it.

If we are talking about a prescribed medicine, then the rule is very different. In fact, Prescribed medicine will be administer as directed by the doctor to any child no matter the age.

If you have any non-prescribed medicine in the office you may want to take it home. If you do choose to leave it here it has to stay in the office, not in the classroom, or in your child's diaper bag. Just keep in mind that you are the only one that can administered over the counter medicines to your child. Thank you very much for your help and if you have any questions please contact us at 733 6018.

Ms Valerie, Director.

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Chapter 65C-22
Florida Administrative Code
Child Care Standards

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parent or legal guardian and contain the child's name; the name of the medication to be dispensed; and date, time and amount of dosage to be given. This record shall be initialed or signed by the facility personnel who gave the medication.

(b) Any known allergies to medication or special restrictions must also be documented, maintained in the child's file, shared with staff and posted with stored medication.

(c) Prescription and non-prescription medication brought to the child care facility by the custodial parent or legal guardian must be in the original container. Prescription medication must have a label stating the name of the physician, child's name, name of the medication, and medication directions. All prescription and non-prescription medication shall be dispensed according to written directions on the prescription label or printed manufacturer's label.

(d) In the event of an emergency, non-prescription medication that is not brought in by the custodial parent or legal guardian can be dispensed only if the facility has written authorization from the custodial parent or legal guardian to do so.

(e) Any medication dispensed under these conditions must be documented in the child's file and the custodial parent or legal guardian must be notified on the day of occurrence.

(f) The facility must maintain a record for each child receiving medications that documents the full name of the child, the name of medication, the date and time the medication was dispensed, the amount and dosage, and the name of the person who dispensed the medication. The record shall be maintained for a minimum of four (4) months after the last day the child received the dosage.

(g) All medicines must have child resistant caps and shall be stored separately and locked or out of a child's reach.

(h) Medication which has expired or is no longer being administered shall be returned to the custodial parent or legal guardian or discarded if the child is no longer enrolled in care at the facility.

Specific Authority 402.302, 402.305 FS. Law Implemented 402.302, 402.305 FS. History—New 6-1-97, Amended 3-17-99, 7-26-00, 4-2-02, 7-13-03, 9-12-04, 4-12-07.

65C-22.005 Food and Nutrition.

(1) Nutrition.

(a) If a facility chooses to supply food, it shall provide nutritious meals and snacks of a quantity and quality to meet the daily nutritional needs of the children. The USDA MyPyramid, April 2005, which is incorporated by reference, shall be used to determine what food groups to serve at each meal or snack and the serving size of the selected foods for children ages two (2) and older. The categories "oils" and "discretionary calories" may not be considered food groups. Copies of the USDA MyPyramid may be obtained from the licensing authority, the local county health department or from the USDA website at www.mypyramid.gov. Using the MyPyramid; breakfast shall consist of at least three (3) different food groups, lunch and dinner shall consist of at least four (4) different food groups and snacks shall consist of at least two (2) different food groups.

(b) If a facility chooses not to provide meals and snacks, arrangements must be made with the custodial parent or legal guardian to provide nutritional food for the child.

(c) If a special diet is required for a child by a physician, a copy of the physician's order, a copy of the diet, and a sample meal plan for the special diet shall be maintained in the child's file. If the custodial parent or legal guardian notifies the child care facility of any known food allergies, written documentation must be maintained in the child's file for as long as the child is in care. Special food restrictions must be shared with staff and must be posted in a conspicuous location.