



Medication Policy

Center Staff may give prescription or non-prescription medications, such as pain relievers, teething gels or cough syrup, to a child only under the following conditions:

1. A written authorization that includes the child's name and birth date, name of medication, administration instructions, medication interval and length of the authorization date and signed by the parent on file. Blanket authorizations that exceed the length of time specified on the label are prohibited. Authorization forms are available from the child care office. The initial dose must be administered, except with physician's written permission for life threatening situations, by the parent/guardian.
2. The medication must be in the original container, not expired and labeled with the child's name. The label must include dosage and directions for administration of the medicine. Parent instructions must be consistent with labeling on the medication.
3. Over the counter medication will only be given if the medication is intended for the age of the child and all other authorizations are completed.
4. Center sunscreen will only be applied upon the written authorization of the parent/guardian. The authorization must include the ingredient strength of the sunscreen. This authorization will need to be reviewed every six months and updated as needed.
5. If sunscreen is provided by the parent/guardian, the sunscreen will be labeled with the child's name.
6. All medications should be handed directly to a teacher. Please do not leave in pack pack, jacket or other place not known to the teacher. Medications will be kept out of the reach of children. If medication requires special training, the dosage will not be administered by TenderCare teachers until that training takes place.
7. No medications intended for use by a child in care at the Center may be kept at the Center without a current medication administration authorization from the parent. If a child leaves the Center and the parent/guardian does not take medication with them the Center will only keep the medication for 5 business days after the last day of enrollment/attendance.