

WAC 110-302-0186 Food allergies and special dietary needs. (1)

ONB providers must obtain written instructions, known as an individual care plan, from the child's health care provider and parent or guardian when caring for a child with a known food allergy or special dietary requirement due to a health condition. The individual care plan, pursuant to WAC 110-302-0300, must:

- (a) Identify foods that must not be consumed by the child and steps to take in the case of an unintended allergic reaction;
- (b) Identify foods that can substitute for allergenic foods; and
- (c) Provide a specific treatment plan for the ONB provider to follow in response to an allergic reaction. The specific treatment plan must include the:
 - (i) Names of all medication to be administered;
 - (ii) Directions for how to administer the medication;
 - (iii) Directions related to medication dosage amounts; and
 - (iv) Description of allergic reactions and symptoms associated with the child's particular allergies.

(2) ONB providers must arrange with the parents or guardians of a child in care to ensure the ONB program has the necessary medication, training, and equipment to properly manage a child's food allergies.

(3) If a child suffers from an allergic reaction, the ONB provider must immediately:

- (a) Administer medication pursuant to the instructions in that child's individual care plan;
- (b) Contact 911 whenever epinephrine or other lifesaving medication has been administered; and
- (c) Notify the parents or guardians of a child if it is suspected or appears that any of the following occurred, or is occurring:
 - (i) The child is having an allergic reaction; or
 - (ii) The child consumed or came into contact with a food identified by the parents or guardians that must not be consumed by the child, even if the child is not having or did not have an allergic reaction.

(4) ONB providers must review each child's individual care plan information for food allergies prior to serving food to children.

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