

WAC 110-301-0186 Food allergies and special dietary needs. (1)

A school-age provider must obtain written instructions (the 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 110-301-0300 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 school-age 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) A school-age provider must arrange with the parents or guardians of a child in care to ensure the school-age 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 school-age 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 in 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) A school-age provider must review each child's individual care plan information for food allergies prior to serving food to children.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 21-10-035, § 110-301-0186, filed 4/27/21, effective 6/1/21.]