

ELWOOD CARE INC.

Title: Anaphylaxis Policy

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SCOPE

The NYS Dept. of Health (NYS DOH) and NYS Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) have developed a plan for the prevention of anaphylaxis and the response during an anaphylaxis emergency. This policy applies to all NYS OCFS licensed and registered child day care programs.

BACKGROUND

Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis outside the hospital setting. Other allergies may include topical, drug, hay fever, insect sting and environmental.

Children with allergies may develop symptoms when they encounter an allergen. However, there are many children, especially young children, who are not aware of an allergy until they are exposed to an allergen and have an anaphylactic reaction.

POLICY

Elwood Care Inc. has a comprehensive Health Care Plan that includes information regarding the recognition and prompt response to anaphylaxis. This plan is available for review and discussion.

Children enrolled in Elwood Care Inc. with a *known allergy*, accidental exposure to an allergen is a great risk. Elwood Care Inc. has procedures in place for allergy identification and management which includes training for Elwood Care Inc. personnel to prevent, recognize and respond to allergic reactions and/or anaphylaxis.

Elwood Care Inc. addresses anaphylaxis prevention through screening and identification of children with allergies.

If your child has a known allergy, the following additional forms are needed:

- OCFS 7002 Medication Consent Form (one form/medication)
- OCFS 7006 Individual Health Care Plan
- OCFS 6029 Individual Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan
- Food Allergy Permission Form

Upon completion of these forms, Elwood Care Inc. will discuss your child's Health Care Plan with the parent/guardian in order to ensure the plan is followed according to the parent/guardian and health care providers instructions. Elwood Care Inc. must be notified immediately of any changes to your child's Health Care Plan.

If children with a *known allergy* begin to exhibit allergic symptoms, Elwood Care Inc. will follow the strategies outlined in their Individual Health Care Plan & Individual Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan as directed by the parent/guardian and health care provider.

If a child with an *unknown allergy* begins to exhibit symptoms that require medical intervention such as administration of epinephrine with a non-patient-specific epinephrine auto-injector, emergency medical services will be contacted immediately as well as the parent/guardian.

I have read this policy and should I have further questions or concerns, I will contact Elwood Care Inc.

