

**Professional Development Program, Rockefeller College, University at Albany and
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Module 10

Unit B: Independent Medication Administration

4/3/14

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Cell	Video	Audio
Cell 1	Independent Medication Administration	
Cell 2		<u>CASEY:</u> As children grow, their autonomy and ability to participate in the world around them develops. This growing independence may include participating in taking their medication.
Cell 3	Stock B-roll ? Children helping rub on screen (Sunshine?)	Most children are able to help take their medication in some way. They are able to help rub topical medication on their skin or use an inhaler with your supervision.
Cell 4	Graphic (over the shoulder): Independent Medication Administration is when a child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carries his own medication • Decides when a dose is needed • Takes the dose without supervision 	<u>NETTIE:</u> However, if a child carries his own medication, such as an insulin pump or an inhaler, decides when a dose is needed and takes the dose without supervision, this is considered Independent Medication Administration.
Cell 5		Only programs approved to give medication can consider allowing children to independently take medication.
Cell 6	General Waiver Request	
Cell 7	Graphic: (j) of Safety Section of OCFS website that states this	<u>CASEY:</u> [Re-cut with Casey] The OCFS regulations require that all medication be kept out of the reach of children. New However, when a program is approved to administer an inhaler to a child with asthma or other diagnosed respiratory condition, or an

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		epinephrine auto injector for anaphylaxis, a school-aged child may carry and use these devices during day care hours if the program secures written permission from an authorized health care provider, parental consent, and completes a special health care plan for the child.
Cell 8	NEW B-roll: Trainee/Provider completing general waiver request	So if a child is going to carry his own medication, your program must complete a general waiver request explaining how the program will meet the intent of the regulation for keeping medication out of the reach of children while allowing the child to carry or get his own medication.
Cell 9		<u>NETTIE:</u> Each child’s medication, capability and circumstances are different. So you must have a separate waiver approved for each child the program would like to allow to carry his own medication.
Cell 10	Individual Health Care Plans	RE-cut with Casey
Cell 11	Graphic: Scan of individual health care plan (MAT handout 10.5)	Your program should also have an individual health care plan for each child who will independently administer his medication.
Cell 12	Graphic (over heading of handout 10.5): The individual health care plan will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State that staff approved to administer medication must be available when the child is in the program 	The plan needs to state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that staff approved to administer medication must be available when the child is in the program

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Cell 13	<p>Graphic: Scan of individual health care plan (MAT handout 10.5)</p> <p>Graphic (over heading of handout 10.5): The individual health care plan will also explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the child will carry the medication • How the child will inform staff of any doses taken • How staff will document each dose the child takes • How staff will recognize and respond to side effects <p>Add FULL SCREEN</p> <p>Additionally, you will need written consent from the parent and the child’s health care provider documenting permission for a school-age child to carry and inhaler or auto-injector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the child will carry the medication and make sure it is not accessible to other children in the program • how the child will tell program staff of any doses he takes • how staff will document each dose the child takes independently and • how staff will recognize and respond to possible side effects <p><i>Added VO</i> Additionally, you will need written consent from the parent and the child’s health care provider documenting permission for a school-age child to carry and inhaler or auto-injector.</p>
Cell 14	<p>Graphic: Scan of individual health care plan (MAT handout 10.5)</p> <p>Graphic (over heading of handout 10.5): The individual health care plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List any additional training or competencies staff may need to care for the child 	<p>Re-cut with Casey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And any additional training or competencies staff approved to give medication may need to care for the child and who will provide this training

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Cell 15		<u>CASEY:</u> The decision to allow children to independently administer should not be made lightly. The child’s parent and health care provider must work with you to develop a safe and realistic plan that will meet the needs of all the children in your care.