

## **Attention Parents: Medication and Child Care**

### **Will your child need medication during his or her time in child care? Tylenol? Motrin? Antibiotics?**

All regulated child care centers, family child care homes and school age programs **must be approved** to administer medication to children in their care.

#### **In choosing a program for your child please ask yourself:**

- Do you want your child to be able to receive medication like Tylenol when they develop a fever while in care?
- Does your child occasionally require an antibiotic that might need to be given while in care?
- Does your child have allergies that might require the use of an EpiPen while in care?
- Does your child have asthma that might require use of an inhaler while in care?
- Does your child take medication on an on-going basis that would need to be given while in care?

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, you'll need to find a child care program that is approved to administer medication.

Not all programs or providers are approved to administer medications. There are programs that have an approved **Waiver: Administration of Emergency Medication**. The waiver is used to only allow the administration of life-saving medications (EpiPen, nebulizers, and asthma inhalers) when a child is experiencing a severe allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) or life-threatening asthma. These programs are not required to take the Medication Administration Training Course and must follow specific terms of the waiver.

Ask to see the program's registration or license. This will indicate if they are allowed to administer medications.

#### **What should parents do?**

Ask your current or potential provider if they are approved to administer medication. If the answer is no and your child may require medicine during his/her time in care, this program may not be right for you.

However, there are other ways to work with a program that is not approved to administer medication. You or a family member can go to the child care program to administer the medication to your child or your pediatrician may be able to adjust the medication so that it can be given before and/or after care.

Please note that there are circumstances where compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act may require a child care provider to become approved to administer medications to care for a child with a disability.

**For information on which programs can administering medication call us at  
914-761-3456 ext. 140 or our Health Care Consultant at ext. 154.**