

Area: Health Services

Subject: HS02 - Conditions of Short-Term Exclusion and Admittance

Reference: 1304.22(b); 1304.22(b)(1)(r)(3), Title 22

Policy: SCOE and Delegate agencies must temporarily exclude a child with short-term injury or an acute short-term contagious illness when keeping the child in care possesses a significant risk to the health or safety of the child or anyone they contact. A child will not be denied program admission solely on the basis of his or her health-care needs or medication requirements.

Procedure:

1. At enrollment the Daily Health check and exclusion policy will be given to all parents.
2. Daily, center staff shall require the person bringing the child to the center to remain until the Health Check is completed. Teacher/Associate Teacher should check for (and/or ask the parent about) the following:
 - Gastro-intestinal – nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain within the last 24 hours.
 - Throat and neck – redness, spots, sore throat, infected tonsils, swollen glands.
 - Eyes – discharge and/or redness
 - Skin – rashes, spots, eruptions, etc.
 - Hair – lice/nits, infected areas on scalp
 - Nose and ears – discharge with symptoms such as fever, coughing or other symptoms
 - Temperature – fever over 100 degrees F within the last 24 hours
 - Additional attention shall be paid to children who:
 - a. have been absent because of illness
 - b. have been exposed to a contagious disease
3. Child with obvious sign of illness will not be accepted. When appropriate, the center staff or nurse will encourage the parent to take the child to a doctor or medical facility. Children who are excluded may return when symptoms have disappeared or parent brings doctor's signed/dated note that child is not contagious.
- 4.. At time of enrollment and as needed, parents are to inform staff of any health or safety needs of their child that the program may be required to address. The program shares information as necessary with appropriate staff regarding accommodations needed in accordance with the program's confidentiality policy.
5. Hand-out "Common Childhood Illnesses may be given to parents of children diagnosed by a physician with an illness listed.

Supervised by: Health Services Manager/Supervisor, Disabilities Supervisor

Performed by: Center Staff, Health Staff

Forms needed: Daily Health Check Policy Statement, Health History Dietary Assessment, IHCP, Common Childhood Illness Parent Handout, Training, Referrals, Contact Log, Release of Information, Agendas

Frequency: At enrollment; ongoing, daily, as needed