

Required Permissions to Give Medications

The permissions and instructions needed to give a specific medication to a specific child are provided on the Medication Consent Form (Handout 2.3). Although it is best practice to use the MAT Medication Consent Form, other forms can be used, as long as all the information required by Licensing regulations is included.

- It is recommended as best practice, but not required by Licensing regulations, that parent(s) and health care providers renew the Medication Consent Form at least **once every twelve months**
- Faxed Medication Consent Forms are acceptable.
- The parent's instructions for administration must be consistent with any directions for use noted on the original container, including precautions related to age and special health conditions. **If the instructions are not consistent, *written* instructions from the child's health care provider are required.**
- ***** NOTE: All short-term (10 working days or less) permissions must be renewed or discontinued after ten working days. *****
- ***** NOTE: ALL Nebulizer and Epi-Pen permissions, even short-term ones, must be signed by the health care provider.*****

PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS SHORT-TERM MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

The following table indicates the permission needed to administer a medication to any child in your care for **ten working days or less**.

Medication Type	Medication Route	Type of Permission Needed (written)	
		Parent Permission	Health Care Provider Instructions
Over-the-counter	Topical	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Oral	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Inhaled/Nasal	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Patches	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Eye	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Ear	Written	<i>None needed</i>
Prescription	Topical	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Oral	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Inhaled/Nasal	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Patches	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Eye	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Ear	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Nebulizer	Written	Written
	Epinephrine auto-injector	Written	Written

PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS LONG-TERM MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

For over-the-counter topical medication where instructions from the child’s health care provider are not required, the parent’s instructions for administration must be consistent with any directions for use noted on the original container, including precautions related to age and special health conditions. **If the instructions are not consistent, written instructions from the child’s health care provider are required.**

- ***** NOTE – ALL** long-term (more than 10 working day) permissions **MUST** be signed by the parent **AND** healthcare provider, **EXCEPT** for over-the-counter topicals

The following table indicates the permissions/instructions needed to administer a long-term medication to any child in your care. Long-term medication is defined as any medication that is authorized by the parent and/or health care provider to be administered or possibly administered for **more than ten working days**.

Medication Type	Medication Route	Type of Permission Needed (written)	
		Parent Permission	Health Care Provider Instructions
Over-the-counter	Topical	Written	<i>None needed</i>
	Oral	Written	Written
	Inhaled/Nasal	Written	Written
	Patches	Written	Written
	Eye	Written	Written
	Ear	Written	Written
Prescription	Topical	Written	Written
	Oral	Written	Written
	Inhaled/Nasal	Written	Written
	Patches	Written	Written
	Eye	Written	Written
	Ear	Written	Written
	Nebulizer	Written	Written
	Epinephrine auto-injector	Written	Written