

## HEALTH & SAFETY - AUTHORITY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

### **POLICY**

In the case of emergency, a Educator may have to summon medical help at very short notice in order to minimise risk to a child's life.

The scheme expects Educators to take immediate action to procure medical, hospital or ambulance services, and so it is essential that the parent's or guardian's authority for such treatment has been gained in advance of the placement commencement. When obtaining this advance authority to obtain medical attention, the Educator or Coordination staff member should discuss the parents' responsibility to cover any expenses arising from the action.

If emergency treatment is sought, the Parent or Guardian should be notified as soon as possible in order to provide comfort to the child and to take over the responsibility for any further treatment which may be required.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. A child must not be registered in Family Day Care unless the child's parent has authorised emergency medical, hospital and ambulance services or the parents' chosen alternative.
2. If ambulance attention, transport or medical treatment is provided a parent must be notified as soon as possible.

Source: Mt Alexander FDC handbook  
National Law, Regulations and Standards (ACECQA 2011)  
Kidsafe Guidelines

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