

	DHS Head Start Program Policy		
HEALTH 6			
SUBJECT	Critical Health Concerns		
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Policy:

A critical health concern is any identified health or mental health condition that affects the child while at school and may require medication, monitoring, and/or emergency care. Education Service Providers will develop and implement procedures that address the following:

- A system to identify and accommodate critical health concerns, confirmed and unconfirmed
- A parent/guardian’s declaration of a critical health concern will be reasonably accommodated to the best extent possible by the program
- Relevant individual child health and mental health information is shared with appropriate staff
- Individual child health and mental health information is readily available to all teaching staff, including substitutes
- A system to address health and mental health emergencies.

Follow-up and documentation related to critical health concerns will be conducted according to the *Head Start Program ChildPlus Scan Order and Process Guide* and the applicable *ChildPlus Data Entry Guide*.

Performance Standard:

1302.42, Caring For Our Children, 9.2.3.6 and 9.2.3.7