
	<b>HEAD START and EARLY HEAD START STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>	
PROGRAM AREA: Child Health and Safety		
TITLE: Consent/Verification for Nebulizer Care		Sample Form
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**Rationale:**

Administering inhaled medication to children is permissible if certain requirements are met as specified in Health and Safety Code § 1596.798. The proper storage of medication and its administration by designated staff, following the written authorization of the child’s physician and parents, safeguard the health of children, staff and families.

**Procedure:**

The Site Supervisor ensures that the following is done before staff persons administer inhaled medications to a child at the center:

1. Written authorization & instruction from the physician: The staff person gives the parent/guardian the Authorization to Administer Medication form to be completed by child’s physician.
2. The Staff person must have a written permission from the child’s parent/guardian to administer inhaled medications to the child. The attached form from the Department of Social Service must be used for this and placed in the child’s health record. A separate form must be completed for each staff person who is designated by the parent/ guardian to administer the medication.
3. Staff shall complete formal training in, general use of nebulizer equipment and/or inhalers, how to administer inhaled medication; how to clean the equipment, the proper storage of the medication and how to identify side effects.
4. For a specified child, staff person who administers inhaled medication is instructed to administer inhaled medication by the child’s parent or guardian. This will be documented with the Individual Health Plan.
5. Staff that administers the medication shall record each instance in the medication log.