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POL006-2 Prescription Medication Policy

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast (BGCMCC) has developed and implemented a policy regarding the storage, distribution and administration of prescription medication. The policy factors in reasonable accommodations that can be made as well as any associated risks.

BGCMCC implemented the following approach for storage and administration of prescription medications for members.:

- BGCMCC does not allow any legal drugs/prescriptions for members on a Club site other than immediate lifesaving ones such as inhalers, insulin (or any other diabetic supplies), epi-pens, or emergency antihistamines for children with severe allergies.
 - o For any programs that exceed six hours a day, additional prescription medications may be permitted on a case by case basis.
- Medications for members (other than epi-pens, inhalers, and insulin) will be kept in a locked storage area.
- Parents/guardians must provide to BGCMCC a copy of any prescription and a doctor's note stating dosage and why it is necessary for the member to use the medication during Club hours.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for reminding the member at medication administration time.
 BGCMCC shall not be responsible for monitoring the member for any purpose relating to routine medication or food requirements.
- If a parent/guardian is unable to contact the member directly, they are allowed to call a Club site. The staff shall have the member speak directly to the parent/guardian. Staff shall not be responsible for delivering a message to the member from the parent/guardian.
- Staff is allowed to ask a member if they have taken medication or food, but are not responsible for verifying that the member has complied.
- Members must be able to administer their medications to themselves.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring that a medication has not expired, a sufficient amount
 of medication is available to meet the member's need, and that the medication is an appropriate
 dosage.
- If a member requires an epi-pen on-site, the parent/guardian is responsible for training at least one staff member on the correct usage in case of a situation where the member cannot administer the medication for his/herself.
- Sites under the supervision of a nurse, school nurse or other qualified medical professional may follow the guidelines put in place by that person in regards to prescription medications.

Refer to POL005 for Staff/volunteer limitations and use of legal and illegal substances while at work.

Refer to BGCMCC Employee Handbook POL 8.3 for additional detail on drug use.

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