

## SEVERE MEDICAL HEALTH CONDITION

Resources are provided to schools to assist staff with students who frequently require emergency life preserving intervention during school hours. Eligibility for this indicated group is considered on a case by case basis and includes serious prolonged medical conditions such as severe epilepsy, refractory epilepsy or unstable diabetes.

### Eligibility Requirements

The following evidence is required to be submitted in order for Disability Services and Support to confirm eligibility for funding:

#### Epilepsy

1. **For an initial application**, a recent diagnosis from a medical practitioner that is no greater than 6 months old is required stating the diagnosis of epilepsy (severe or refractory in nature), whether it is controlled or uncontrolled on medication and the type and frequency of seizures.
2. A current medical emergency response plan for the student that is signed by a medical professional and parent/carer that:
  - states the diagnosed medical condition (severe or refractory in nature)
  - type and frequency of seizures
  - specifies the symptoms indicating a medical emergency and the steps the school is to follow( A signed medical action plan is required to be updated annually)

Please note: Continued eligibility is dependent on the frequency, type and intensity of the seizures. The level of resourcing is guided by how the seizures impact on the student's ability to access the curriculum.

#### Diabetes

Resourcing for students with diabetes is up to the end of Year 2

1. A diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes from a medical practitioner.
2. A current medical emergency response plan for the student that is signed by a medical professional and parent/carer that:
  - specifies the symptoms indicating a medical emergency and the steps the school is to follow

Please note: The resource is provided to implement programs designed to assist students to self-manage their condition.

A resource may be provided for limited period with evidence of extenuating exceptional circumstances beyond year 2. This would include only be provided if the student has been newly diagnosed and cannot self-manage, or if it can be demonstrated that changes have occurred in the student's condition (e.g. they move onto an insulin pump) that have necessitated renewed programs for developing independence or the student

has significant learning difficulties and unable to participate in the management of their condition.

School principals are responsible for maintaining updated medical action plans for diabetes at the school in accordance with the Student Health Care Policy.

### **Other Severe Medical Health Conditions**

1. For an initial application a recent diagnosis from a medical practitioner that is no greater than 6 months old is required
2. A current medical emergency response plan for the student that is signed by a medical professional and parent/carer that:
  - states the diagnosed medical condition
  - significant co-morbidity with other conditions is a relevant aspect and should be listed (and eligibility evidence provided) if applicable
  - specifies the symptoms indicating a medical emergency and the steps the school is to follow

### **Privacy and Confidentiality**

The Department of Education is committed to protecting privacy, integrity of information obtained and confidentiality. All personal information must be obtained by lawful and fair means with the knowledge and consent of the person to whom it relates. Persons must be told why personal information is being collated and whether it may be accessible to any third party.

This includes parents of students who are under 18 years of age.

**Parents or carers are directed to contact local school staff for further information.**