Emergency Medical Assistance to Children and Persons in Care

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Policy Statement

Strathcona County shall have a policy that provides County employees, contractors and volunteers direction and protection in situations where they are required to provide emergency medical assistance to children or persons in care.

Guidelines

Strathcona County Family and Community Services (FCS) and Strathcona County Recreation, Parks and Culture (RPC) regularly provide programs and services to children and persons in care. All County employees and individuals who are either contracted or volunteer to provide instruction and/or supervision of such programs and services must possess a minimum of Emergency First Aid and CPR certification prior to providing these services. Some programs due to their nature, will require higher levels of certification, aside from this policy.

Staff working with a child or person in care who carries an EpiPen must be trained to administer the medication in the event of an emergency. If the staff person is not trained, the parent or guardian must stay with that child for the duration of the program or until training can be completed.

Staff will not administer any other medication to a child or person in care, but will store and/or ensure that the individual takes his/her own medication during programs that are longer than ten consecutive hours.

County facilities that have programs and services involving the instruction and supervision of children and persons in care, must have at least one County employee who is certified in Emergency First Aid and CPR on site during the facility's hours of operation of these programs and services.