

## **WRHA URIS Program URIS Group B Health Care Needs**

The Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS) is a joint initiative of the provincial government departments of Health, Education and Family Services and Labour.. URIS provides support for children with specific health care needs when they attend a community program including schools, licensed child care facilities, respite and accredited recreational programs.

For children with 'Group B' health care needs (listed below), support includes the development of a written health care plan and training of community program personnel by a registered nurse. Below is a summary of the processes implemented by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) for the provision of URIS Group B support.

### **APPLYING FOR URIS GROUP B SUPPORT**

#### **Who is eligible for URIS Group B support?**

A child is eligible for URIS Group B support if he/she is diagnosed with:

- Asthma – must be prescribed a reliever medication (e.g., Ventolin) AND bring it to the community program
- Anaphylaxis – must be prescribed an EpiPen®/Twinject® AND bring it to the community program
- Bleeding disorder
- Cardiac condition
- Diabetes
- Seizure disorder
- Steroid dependent condition
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Gastrostomy
- Catheterization
- Ostomy
- Suctioning (oral/nasal)
- Pre-set oxygen

#### **How do I apply for URIS Group B support?**

1. Complete the URIS Group B Application.
  - Section I includes community program information
  - Section II includes child name, birth date and health care need
  - Section III includes parent/guardian signature and contact information
  
2. Submit the completed URIS Group B Application to the WRHA.

It is recommended to keep a copy of the URIS Group B Application in the child's file.

3. If the child has asthma and/or anaphylaxis, the Standard Health Care Plan is completed by the parent/guardian and submitted along with the URIS Group B Application (see *Health Care Plans* below for more details).

**Do I have to apply for URIS Group B support every year?**

Yes. However, submission of the URIS Group B Application is required only once during the child's attendance at the community program.

Once you have submitted a URIS Group B Application to the WRHA, renewal of URIS Group B support is completed annually (May). The WRHA provides the community program with a list of children that are currently receiving URIS Group B support. The community program reviews this list and confirms which children require URIS Group B support for another year.

**HEALTH CARE PLANS**

The nurse completes or reviews each child's health care plan on an annual basis, minimally.

**For asthma and/or anaphylaxis**

A Standardized Health Care Plan (SHCP) is used for asthma and anaphylaxis as the management of an anaphylactic reaction or asthma episode is the same for every child.

1. The parent/guardian completes the SHCP.
2. The community program forwards the completed SHCP to the WRHA URIS nurse.
3. The URIS nurse reviews the SHCP and contacts the parent/guardian if required.
4. The WRHA URIS nurse signs the SHCP and returns it to the community program.
5. The community program stores the SHCP (original) in the child's file and a copy is placed in a binder that is secure and accessible to staff.

Every January, the WRHA URIS nurse sends blank SHCP to the community program for children that are due for an annual review of their SHCP and the above process is implemented.

**For all other health care needs**

An Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) is used for all other health care needs.

1. The WRHA URIS nurse contacts the parent/guardian and develops the IHCP.
2. The WRHA URIS nurse signs the IHCP and sends it to the community program.
3. The community program forwards the IHCP to the parent/guardian for review and signature.
4. The parent/guardian signs the IHCP and returns it to the community program.

If changes need to be made to the IHCP, the parent/guardian contacts the WRHA URIS nurse directly.

5. The community program stores the signed IHCP (original) in the child's file and a copy is placed in a binder that is secure and accessible to staff.

The nurse contacts the parent/guardian at least once every year to review the IHCP.

- If there are no changes or demographic changes only to the IHCP, the nurse updates the IHCP at the community program.
- If changes are made to the management of the child's Group B health care need, a new IHCP is developed which requires parent/guardian signature.

When health care plans are updated, expired plans should be clearly marked 'expired' and stored in the child's file. Copies of expired plans (from the binder) can be shredded. It is the community program's responsibility to ensure that any additional copies of the IHCP are updated.

## **TRAINING**

Training of community program staff is provided on an annually basis, minimally.

### **For asthma, anaphylaxis, bleeding disorders, cardiac conditions, diabetes, seizure disorders, steroid dependent conditions and osteogenesis imperfecta**

It is recommended that all staff that may be responsible for the child(ren) receive annual training as these health care needs require a response to emergency situations.

The nurse contacts the community program when a URIS Group B Application is received to discuss training needs. If the community program has not already received training for the relevant health care in the last year, training is scheduled. If community program staff require training for interventions that are specific to the child (e.g., blood glucose monitoring for diabetes), training is also scheduled.

Every spring, the nurse schedules annual training sessions for the upcoming year. Training sessions are scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

The community program may contact the nurse at any time when additional learning needs are identified.

**For gastrostomy, catheterization, suctioning, ostomy care, pre-set oxygen**

It is recommended that 2-3 community program staff are designated to receive training as these health care needs require completion of specific tasks on a regular basis. It is the community program's responsibility to designate staff to receive training.

The nurse contacts the community program when a URIS Group B Application is received to discuss training needs and schedule training sessions.

Every spring, the nurse contacts the community program to schedule the annual training session(s) for the upcoming year.

The community program may contact the nurse at any time when additional learning needs are identified.