

Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS) for Licensed Early Learning and Child Care Facilities

What is URIS?

The Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS) is a provincial program led by the departments of Health, Healthy Living and Seniors, Family Services, and Education and Advanced Learning.

URIS provides support for children who need assistance to perform special health care procedures when they are attending community programs, which includes schools, licensed child care centres and homes, as well as respite. URIS provides a standard means of classifying the complexity of health care procedures and establishes the level of qualification required by staff assigned to support children with special health care needs.

The URIS classification system has two components: Group A and Group B Health Care Procedures. Group A procedures are complex health care procedures that must be performed by a registered nurse (ex: ventilator care, tracheostomy care, nasogastric care).

Funding for children with Group A health care needs to attend a licensed child care centre or home may be available through Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care. Contact your Child Care Co-ordinator for more information.

Group B health care needs are health care routines that can be safely supported by community program personnel that receive training and ongoing monitoring by a registered nurse. Group B health care needs include:

- asthma
- anaphylaxis
- bleeding disorder
- cardiac condition
- diabetes
- seizure disorder
- steroid dependent condition
- osteogenesis imperfecta
- gastrostomy
- catheterization
- ostomy
- suctioning (oral/nasal)
- pre-set oxygen

Who can access URIS support?

The community programs that are eligible to receive URIS support are licensed child care centres and homes, schools and respite services.

How does staff know if children enrolling at their licensed child care facilities have specific health care needs?

Licensed child care centres and homes are required to have families identify the special health care needs of their children, so that the facility can maintain current records of child and family information. This includes records of any medical conditions related to the care of the child. These regulations are described in Section 6(1) of the *Best Practices Licensing Manual for ELCC Centres* and Regulation 23(1) of the *Best Practices Licensing Manual for Family and Group Child Care Homes*.

How do licensed early learning and child care facilities access URIS support?

The Group B application form is available from your Child Care Co-ordinator. The URIS Group B Application form must be signed by the child's parent/guardian. The facility sends the completed Group B application form to the local regional health authority (RHA) public health department. Once the URIS Group B Application is approved, a registered nurse begins to support the child and facility.

What services are provided for children with Group B health care needs?

A registered nurse trains centre staff or the home provider about the child's health care need(s) and monitors them to ensure that they are able to provide the care needed. Centre staff or home providers must notify the nurse if more training is necessary. RHAs work with licensed early learning and child care facilities to provide training in an efficient, effective manner at a time that works for all parties involved. Training can and should be provided at mutually convenient times.

In partnership with the parent or guardian, the nurse creates a written health care plan that is given to the facility. It outlines the steps to be followed to safely support the child's attendance and participation.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

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