

Special Situations



Once you have accepted responsibility to give medication to a child in your program, you must give it as instructed. However, there may be times when the child is in your program and you are not able to give the medication safely. There is a section on the back of the *Log of Medication Administration* for you to write down when you do not give the dose as instructed.

▶ **If the child refuses or you cannot safely give the medication:**

- ◆ Do not force the child to take the medication.
- ◆ Notify the child's parent immediately.
- ◆ Write in the child's log that the dose was not given and the reason why.
- ◆ Look at your program's health care plan for any additional actions.

▶ **If the child spits up (or vomits) immediately or soon after getting medication:**

- ◆ Do not administer the dose again.
- ◆ Notify the child's parent as soon as possible and report what happened.
- ◆ Write in the child's log that the child spit up (or vomited) some of the medication.

▶ **If the child is absent or is not scheduled to be in your program:**

- ◆ You do not need to write this in the child's *Log of Medication Administration*, since this is not a missed dose.

▶ **If you run out of medication and the parent has not given you a new supply:**

- ◆ Write in the child's log that you were not able to give the medication and the reason why.

▶ **If the parent tells you to stop giving the medication before the date written on the consent form:**

- ◆ Have the parent fill out the back on the consent form with the new discontinue date.
- ◆ Give the medication back to the parent.



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