

PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT INHALED MEDICATION PROCEDURES

Medications prescribed for a child to control lung-related illness, including but not limited to, local held nebulizers, may be administered by PACCC child care staff. Specific instructions from parent/legal guardian and child's physician must be provided.

- 1. The <u>Inhaled Medication Authorization Form</u> must be completed and signed by the child's parent and physician.
- 2. The form must be on file at the center. The parent is responsible for obtaining the physician's statement in Part II.
- A new form must be submitted to the center each year AND whenever there is a change in the dosage or a change in the conditions under which inhaled medications are to be administered.
- 4. A physician may use office stationery or a prescription pad in lieu of completing Part II.

 Necessary information includes:
 - a. Name of child
 - b. Reason for medication or diagnosis
 - c. Name and exact dosage of medication
 - d. Time(s) for medication and frequency or exact time interval dosage is to be administered
 - e. If medication is given on an 'as needed' basis, specify the exact conditions or symptoms when medication is to be taken and the time at which it may be given again
 - f. Duration of medication order and effective dates
 - g. Possible adverse reactions
 - h. Physician signature, address
 - i. Date
- 5. Medication must be properly labeled by a pharmacist. Expiration date must be clearly indicated.
- 6. Inhaled medications must be hand-delivered to the center by the parent.
- 7. Parent is to collect any unused medication upon expiration date of the medication or expiration of the order or on the last day of school (school age programs only).