

# Foster Child Injections

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## Forms

The following forms are referenced in this file:

- 04-258 Placement Needs and Services Plan (CWS/CMS Template)

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## Introduction

Health and Safety Code Section 1507.25:

- authorizes designated Substitute Care Providers (SCP)s who are not licensed health care providers, to administer emergency medical assistance and/or injections for specific reasons to a foster child in placement if the SCPs are trained by a licensed health care professional practicing within his or her scope of practice.
- specifies that a child's need to receive the injections will not be the sole basis for determining that the child has a medical condition requiring specialized in-home health care, and
- does not supersede the requirements in Section 369.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code which are applicable to the administration of psychotropic medications to a dependent child of the court.

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## Policy

The following individuals will be authorized to administer emergency medical assistance and injections in accordance with the code:

- A relative caregiver
  - A non-related extended family member (NREFM)
  - A foster family home parent
  - A member of a resource family, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 16519.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
  - A small family home parent
  - A certified parent of a foster family agency
  - A substitute caregiver of a foster family home or a certified family home
  - A direct care staff member of a small family home or a group home.
  - A staff member of a short-term residential therapeutic program who provides direct care and supervision to children and youth residing in the short-term residential therapeutic program.
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**Policy (cont.)**

SCPs and designated substitute caregivers are authorized to:

- administer emergency medical assistance and injections for severe diabetic hypoglycemia and anaphylactic shock to a foster child in their care
- administer subcutaneous injections or other medications, including insulin, as prescribed by the child's physician, to a foster child in their care.

**NOTE:** The administration of an insulin injection will include all necessary supportive activities related to the preparation and administration of the injection, including glucose testing and monitoring.

The SCP or designated substitute caregiver will retain authority to provide these services as long as the following occurs:

- The SCP or designated substitute caregiver receives training from a licensed health care professional acting within his or her scope of practice, and
- The licensed health care professional periodically reviews, corrects, or updates the training as he or she deems necessary and appropriate.

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**Procedures**

The following procedures must be completed by the SCP and the child's SW:

Step	Who	Action
1	SCP	<p>The SCP must obtain a letter from the licensed health care professional that contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date of training</li><li>• Name of the individual trained</li><li>• Description of training received</li><li>• Name and title of trainer</li><li>• Signature of trainer</li><li>• License number of the health care professional.</li></ul>
2	Child's SW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete the 04-258 form. The second box under the heading "Health" should be checked yes.</li><li>• Verify that the health care professional license is valid by going to the on-line data base and looking up the license number using either the name of the health care professional or their license number:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ for <a href="#">nurses and continuing education providers</a></li><li>○ for <a href="#">doctors and special faculty</a></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The SW must request new verification from the SCP once a year to verify the SCPs training is still up-to-date.</p>

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**Alignment with SET**

This policy supports SET [Value 2](#) by maintaining collaborative relationships with kinship and resource families.

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