



UNIFIED REFERRAL AND INTAKE SYSTEM

Fact sheet for parent/guardian

What is the Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS)?

The Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS) is a provincial initiative of the Government of Manitoba departments of Family Services and Housing; Education, Citizenship and Youth and Health.

URIS supports children who have health care interventions that require intervention during attendance at a community program including schools, licensed day cares, recreation programs or situations where respite it part of the family's plan.

Who can receive URIS support?

Children with the following **health care conditions that require intervention during attendance at a community program** are eligible for URIS services.

- **Life-threatening allergy and the child is prescribed an EpiPen**
- **Asthma**
- **Seizure disorders**
- **Diabetes**
- **Cardiac conditions**
- **Bleeding disorders**
- **Steorid dependence**
- **Gastrostomy care**
- **Ostomy care**
- **Clean intermittent catheterization**
- **Pre-set oxygen**
- **Suctioning (oral or nasal)**

What support is provided through URIS?

URIS support includes a registered nurse to:

- develop and maintain a written Health Care Plan (IHCP) for the child during attendance at the community program; and
- train and monitor community program staff that are responsible for assisting the child with his/her health care interventions.

How does the URIS program work?

1. A URIS application is completed and submitted by the community program. The application is divided into three sections:
 - Section I includes community program information.
 - Section II includes child information (name, date of birth and health care interventions required during attendance at the community program).
 - Section III is an Authorization for the Release of Medical Information. It is a written consent for the community program to share the child's information with the URIS office and the nursing service provider. This consent must be signed by the parent/guardian before the application is submitted.

2. The community program contacts a nursing service provider (e.g., Regional Health Authority, private nursing agency, independent practicing nurse) to provide URIS support.
3. The nursing service provider contacts the parent/guardian to assess the child's needs and develop the health care plan. The nurse also provides training to community program staff.

Why do I have to provide my child's health information to the community program every year?

The community program submits URIS applications annually so URIS support can be received annually. An annual review of health care plans and training of community program staff is necessary to keep information and skill current.

As well, a child's health care needs can change over time. Asking about a child's health care needs every year provides the community program with your child's current health care needs.

What involvement does the parent/guardian have?

- The parent/guardian accurately provides the community program with information about their child's health care intervention.
- The parent/guardian signs the Authorization for the Release of Medical Information (Section III of the URIS application). An application cannot be submitted until the parent/guardian signs this consent.
- The parent/guardian works together with the nurse to develop a health care plan for their child that is relevant to his/her attendance at the community program. The parent/guardian can also talk to the nurse about their involvement in training community program staff.
- The parent/guardian signs the completed health care plan. The community program cannot implement a health care plan until the parent/guardian and the nurse sign it.