

KIDBase
Kids Information Data Base Access System for Emergencies

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services would like to share some important information about a program that could help you be better prepared in a medical emergency involving your medically fragile child. If your medically fragile child was involved in an emergency and you were not there to speak for him/her, would emergency medical services personnel or emergency room staff have access to the vital medical information that could save his or her life? The KIDBase program is designed to address this question. By participating in this program, critical medical information will be kept with your child at all times where it can be accessed in the event of a medical emergency.

Enrollment in KIDBase is easy. Enclosed are a KidBase brochure, a KIDBase form, a window cling, and a postcard to return to your local KIDBase coordinator or EMS agency if there is a coordinating center in your county. Please read the materials carefully and then fill in the questions on KIDBase form. It is very important that you fill in all of the questions in legible handwriting to the best of your ability. After you have filled out the parent portion of the form, please take the form to your doctor and ask him or her to complete the medical portion.

Once the form is complete you will want to make multiple copies of the form. Keep at least one copy and the original for yourself, provide one copy to your child's doctor, one to your child's school or daycare provider. Also provide a copy to any other organization that your child may spend time at. **The original form should be kept with your child at all times.** We suggest keeping it in a diaper bag or school backpack. Remember to tell everyone who cares for your child where the form is kept so they can give it to EMS in an emergency.

***An important part of the KIDBase program is the accuracy of the information that is on the form. Be sure to update the form each time there is a change in your child's medications or condition. ***

What to do in a medical emergency involving your child with special medical needs:

1. Call your local emergency medical services agency (911)
2. Have the KIDBase form ready for the EMS personnel when they arrive and take a copy with you to the emergency room.
3. If necessary, follow the resuscitation techniques that your child's physician has recommended until EMS arrives.

You will want to inform other family members, your child care providers and child's school of this procedure for your child.

By taking the time to enroll your child in KIDBase, you will help EMS be better prepared if a medical emergency arises. Please feel free to call the KIDBase program at (919) 855-3935, your local KIDBase coordinator, or local EMS agency at _____(insert phone number) if you have any questions or concerns.