



St Hugh's School

Medical conditions policy

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Statement of intent

The Governing board of St Hugh's School has a duty to ensure arrangements are in place to support students with medical conditions. The aim of this policy is to ensure that all students with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, receive appropriate support to allow them to play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy, have full access to education (including school trips and PE), and achieve their academic potential.

The school believes it is important that parents of students with medical conditions feel confident that the school provides effective support for their children's medical conditions, and that students feel safe in the school environment.

Some students with medical conditions may be classed as disabled under the definition set out in the Equality Act 2010. The school has a duty to comply with the Act in all such cases.

In addition, all students with medical conditions in our school have further SEND needs and have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) collating their health, social and SEND provision. For these students, the school's compliance with the DfE's 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years' and the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy will ensure compliance with legal duties.

To ensure that the needs of our students with medical conditions are fully understood and effectively supported, we consult with health and social care professionals, students and their parents.

1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Children and Families Act 2014
- Education Act 2002
- Education Act 1996 (as amended)
- Children Act 1989
- National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended)
- Equality Act 2010
- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Medicines Act 1968
- The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 (as amended)
- The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017
- The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 (Natasha's Law)
- DfE 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0-25 years'
- DfE 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE 'Supporting students at school with medical conditions'
- DfE 'First aid in schools, early years and further education'
- Department of Health 'Guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in schools'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Administering Medication Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy
- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Attendance and Absence Policy
- Students with Additional Health Needs Attendance Policy

- Admissions Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will be responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy alongside the headteacher.
- Ensuring that this policy is readily accessible to parents and school staff.
- Fulfilling its statutory duties under legislation.
- Ensuring that arrangements are in place to support students with medical conditions.
- Ensuring that students with medical conditions can access and enjoy the same opportunities as any other student at the school.
- Working with the local authority (LA), health professionals, commissioners and support services to ensure that students with medical conditions receive a full education.
- Ensuring that, following long-term or frequent absence, students with medical conditions are reintegrated effectively.
- Ensuring that the focus is on the needs of each student and what support is required to support their individual needs.
- Instilling confidence in parents and students in the school's ability to provide effective support.
- Ensuring that all members of staff are properly trained to provide the necessary support and are able to access information and other teaching support materials as needed.
- Ensuring that no prospective students are denied admission to the school because arrangements for their medical conditions have not been made.
- Ensuring that students' health is not put at unnecessary risk. As a result, the board holds the right to not accept a student into school at times where it would be detrimental to the health of that student or others to do so, such as where the child has an infectious disease.
- Ensuring that policies, plans, procedures and systems are properly and effectively implemented.
- Ensuring that the school's policy clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the arrangements they make to support students and sets out the procedures to be followed whenever a school is notified that a student has a medical condition.
- Ensuring that the school's policy covers the role of individual healthcare plans, and who is responsible for their development, in supporting students at school with medical conditions.

- Ensuring that plans are reviewed at least annually, or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed.

The headteacher will be responsible for:

- Reviewing this policy alongside the governing board.
- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Ensuring that this policy is effectively implemented with stakeholders.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in its implementation.
- Ensuring that all staff who need to know are aware of the child's condition.
- Ensuring that a sufficient number of staff are trained and available to implement this policy and deliver against all Health Care Plans (HCPs), including in emergency situations.
- Considering recruitment needs for the specific purpose of ensuring students with medical conditions are properly supported.
- Having overall responsibility for the development of HCPHCPs.
- Ensuring that staff are appropriately insured and aware of the insurance arrangements.
- Contacting the school nurse where a student with a medical condition requires support that has not yet been identified.

Parents will be responsible for:

- Notifying the school if their child has a medical condition.
- Providing the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs.
- Being involved in the development and review of their child's HCP.
- Carrying out any agreed actions contained in the HCP.
- Ensuring that they, or another nominated adult, are contactable at all times.

Students will be responsible for:

- Being fully involved in discussions about their medical support needs, where applicable.
- Contributing to the development of their HCP, if they have one, where applicable.
- Being sensitive to the needs of students with medical conditions.

School staff will be responsible for:

- Providing support to students with medical conditions, where requested, including the administering of medicines, but are not required to do so.
- Taking into account the needs of students with medical conditions in their lessons when deciding whether or not to volunteer to administer medication.
- Receiving sufficient training and achieve the required level of competency before taking responsibility for supporting students with medical conditions.
- Knowing what to do and responding accordingly when they become aware that a student with a medical condition needs help.

The school nurse will be responsible for:

- Notifying the school at the earliest opportunity when a student has been identified as having a medical condition which requires support in school.
- Supporting staff to implement HCPs and providing advice and training.
- Liaising with lead clinicians locally on appropriate support for students with medical conditions.

Clinical commissioning groups (ICBs) will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that commissioning is responsive to students' needs, and that health services are able to cooperate with schools supporting students with medical conditions.
- Making joint commissioning arrangements for EHCP provision for students.
- Being responsive to LAs and schools looking to improve links between health services and schools.
- Providing clinical support for students who have long-term conditions and disabilities.
- Ensuring that commissioning arrangements provide the necessary ongoing support essential to ensuring the safety of vulnerable students.

Other healthcare professionals, including GPs and paediatricians, are responsible for:

- Notifying the school nurse when a child has been identified as having a medical condition that will require support at school.
- Providing advice on developing HCPs.
- Providing support in the school for children with particular conditions, e.g. asthma, diabetes and epilepsy, where required.

Providers of health services are responsible for cooperating with the school, including ensuring communication takes place, liaising with the school nurse and other healthcare professionals, and participating in local outreach training.

The LA will be responsible for:

- Commissioning school nurses for local schools.
- Promoting cooperation between relevant partners.
- Making joint commissioning arrangements for EHC provision for students with SEND.
- Providing support, advice, guidance, and suitable training for school staff, ensuring that HCPs can be effectively delivered.
- Working with the school to ensure that students with medical conditions can attend school full-time.

Where a student is away from school for 15 days or more (whether consecutively or across a school year), the LA has a duty to make alternative arrangements, as the student is unlikely to receive a suitable education in a mainstream school.

3. Admissions

Admissions will be managed in line with North Lincolnshire Special Schools Admission Guidance.

<https://st-hughs.n-lincs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Admission-Guidance-2025-2028-North-Lincolnshire-Special-Schools.pdf>

No child will be denied admission to the school or prevented from taking up a school place because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made; a child may only be refused admission if it would be detrimental to the health of the child to admit them into the school setting.

4. Notification procedure

When the school is notified that a student has a medical condition that requires support in school, the school nurse will inform the headteacher. Following this, the school will arrange a meeting with parents, healthcare professionals and the student, with a view to discussing the necessity of an HCP, outlined in detail in the HCPs section of this policy.

The school will not wait for a formal diagnosis before providing support to students. Where a student's medical condition is unclear, or where there is a difference of opinion concerning what support is required, a judgement will be made by the headteacher based on all available evidence, including medical evidence and consultation with parents.

For a student starting at the school in a September uptake, arrangements will be put in place prior to their introduction and informed by their previous institution. Where a student joins the school mid-term or a new diagnosis is received, arrangements will be put in place as timely as possible.

5. Staff training and support

Any staff member providing support to a student with medical conditions will receive suitable training. Staff will not undertake healthcare procedures or administer medication without appropriate training. Training needs will be assessed by the school nurse through the

development and review of HCPs, on an annual and ongoing basis for all school staff, and when a new staff member arrives. The school nurse will confirm the proficiency of staff in performing medical procedures or providing medication. Staff who provide support to students with medical conditions will be included in meetings where this is discussed.

A first-aid certificate will not constitute appropriate training for supporting students with medical conditions.

Through training, staff will have the requisite competency and confidence to support students with medical conditions and fulfil the requirements set out in HCPs. Staff will understand the medical conditions they are asked to support, their implications, and any preventative measures that must be taken.

In very rare cases, the Headteacher may temporarily restrict a student's on-site attendance if there is insufficient medically trained staff due to significant staff absence, or if a new medical need arises that the school has not yet had time to plan for safely. The school will exhaust all reasonable options and act as quickly as possible to ensure the student's needs can be met and on-site attendance resumed.

Whole-school awareness training will be carried out on an annual basis for all staff and included in the induction of new staff members.

The school nurse will identify suitable training opportunities that ensure all medical conditions affecting students in the school are fully understood, and that staff can recognise difficulties and act quickly in emergency situations.

Medical needs training will be provided and delivered or overseen by the School Nurse.

The parents of students with medical conditions will be consulted for specific advice and their views are sought where necessary.

The school nurse will provide details of further CPD opportunities for staff regarding supporting students with medical conditions.

Supply teachers will be:

- Provided with access to this policy.
- Informed of all relevant medical conditions of students in the class they are providing cover for.
- Covered under the school's insurance arrangements.

6. Self-management

Following discussion with parents, students who are competent to manage their own health needs and medicines will be encouraged to take responsibility for self-managing their medicines and procedures. This will be reflected in their HCP.

Where possible, students with capacity and are capable will be allowed to carry their own emergency medicines and relevant devices. Where it is not possible for students to carry their own emergency medicines or devices, they will be held in suitable locations that can be

accessed quickly and easily. If a student refuses to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure, staff will not force them to do so. Instead, the procedure agreed in the student's HCP will be followed. Following such an event, parents will be informed so that alternative options can be considered.

7. Health Care Plans

The school, healthcare professionals and parents agree, based on evidence, whether a HCP will be required for a student, or whether it would be inappropriate or disproportionate to their level of need. If no consensus can be reached, the headteacher will make the final decision.

The school, parents and a relevant healthcare professional will work in partnership to create and review HCPs. Where appropriate, the student will also be involved in the process.

HCPs will include the following information:

- The medical condition, along with its triggers, symptoms, signs and treatments
- The student's needs, including medication (dosages, side effects and storage), other treatments, facilities, equipment, access to food and drink (where this is used to manage a condition), dietary requirements, and environmental issues
- The level of support needed, including in emergencies
- Whether a child can self-manage their medication
- What to do in an emergency, including contact details and contingency arrangements

Where a student has an emergency healthcare plan prepared by their lead clinician, this will be used to inform the HCP.

The HCP will be developed with the child's best interests in mind. In preparing the HCP the school will assess and manage risks to the child's education, health and social wellbeing, and minimise disruption.

HCPs will be easily accessible to those who need to refer to them, but confidentiality will be preserved.

Where a student has an EHC plan, the HCP will be linked to it or become part of it. Where a child has SEND but does not have a statement or EHC plan, their SEND will be mentioned in their HCP.

Where a child is returning from a period of hospital education, alternative provision or home tuition, the school will work with the LA and education provider to ensure that their HCP identifies the support the child will need to reintegrate.

All HCPs will be reviewed at least annually, or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed. In rare cases where a student's HCP cannot be fully agreed in consultation with relevant professionals, the Headteacher may temporarily restrict the student's on-site attendance until appropriate arrangements have been urgently reviewed and confirmed.

8. Managing medicines

In accordance with the school's Administering Medication Policy, medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a student's health or school attendance not to do so.

Students under 16 years old will not be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parents' written consent, except where the medicine has been prescribed to the student without the parents' knowledge. In such cases, the school will encourage the student to involve their parents, while respecting their right to confidentially.

Non-prescription medicines may be administered in the following situations:

- When it would be detrimental to the student's health not to do so
- When instructed by a medical professional

No student under the age of 16 will be given medicine containing aspirin, Ibuprofen and combination medicines such as co-codamol unless prescribed by a doctor. Pain relief medicines will not be administered without first checking when the previous dose was taken, and the maximum dosage allowed.

Parents will be informed any time medication is administered that is not agreed in an HCP.

The school will only accept medicines that are in-date, labelled, in their original container, and contain instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The only exception to this is insulin, which must still be in-date, but is available in an insulin pen or pump, rather than its original container.

All medicines will be stored safely. Students will be informed where their medicines are at all times and will be able to access them immediately, whether in school or attending a school trip or residential visit. Where relevant, students will be informed of who holds the key to the relevant storage facility. When medicines are no longer required, they will be returned to parents for safe disposal.

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Controlled drugs will be stored in a non-portable container and only named staff members will have access; however, these drugs can be easily accessed in an emergency. A record will be kept of the amount of controlled drugs held and any doses administered. Staff may administer a controlled drug to a student for whom it has been prescribed, in accordance with the prescriber's instructions.

The school will hold asthma inhalers for emergency use. The inhalers will be stored in the medical cupboard in the main office and their use will be recorded. Inhalers will be used in line with the school's Asthma Policy.

Records will be kept of all medicines administered to individual students, stating what, how and how much medicine was administered, when, and by whom. A record of side effects presented will also be held.

Non-prescription medicines

The school is aware that students may, at some point, suffer from minor illnesses and ailments of a short-term nature, and that in these circumstances, health professionals are likely to advise parents to purchase over the counter medicines, for example, paracetamol and antihistamines.

The school works on the premise that parents have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide schools and settings with detailed information about their child's medical condition as and when any illness or ailment arises.

To support full attendance the school will consider making arrangements to facilitate the administration of non-prescription medicines following parental request and consent

Students and parents will not be expected to obtain a prescription for over-the-counter medicines as this could impact on their attendance and adversely affect the availability of appointments with local health services due to the imposition of non-urgent appointments being made.

If a student is deemed too unwell to be in school, they will be advised to stay at home or parents will be contacted and asked to take them home.

When making arrangements for the administration of non-prescription medicines the school will exercise the same level of care and caution, following the same processes, protocols and procedures as those in place for the administration of prescription medicines.

The school will also ensure that the following requirements are met when agreeing to administer non-prescription medicines.

- Non-prescription medicines will not be administered for longer than is recommended. For example paracetamol, will be recommended for 24 hours at most before staff must alert the school nurses. Aspirin, codeine or Ibuprofen will not be administered unless prescribed.
- Parents will be asked to bring the medicine in, on at least the first occasion, to enable the appropriate paperwork to be signed by the parent and for a check to be made of the medication details.
- Non-prescription medicines must be supplied in their original container, have instructions for administration, dosage and storage, and be in date. The name of the child can be written on the container by an adult if this helps with identification.
- Only authorised staff who are sufficiently trained will be able to administer non-prescription medicines.

Paracetamol

The school is aware that paracetamol is a common painkiller that is often used by adults and children to treat headaches, stomach ache, earache, cold symptoms, and to bring down a high temperature; however, it also understands that it can be dangerous if appropriate guidelines are not followed and recommended dosages are exceeded.

The school is aware that paracetamol for children is available as liquid and tablets both of which come in a range of strengths.

The school understands that children need to take a lower dose than adults, depending on their age and sometimes, weight. The school will ensure that authorised staff are fully trained and aware of the NHS advice on how and when to give paracetamol to children, as well as the recommended dosages and strength.

Staff will always check instructions carefully every time they administer any medicine, whether prescribed or not, including paracetamol. Staff will always check if the last dose given has been more than 4 hours.

The school will ensure that they have sufficient members of staff who are appropriately trained to manage medicines and health needs as part of their duties.

To reduce the risk of pupils carrying medicines and avoid confusion over what can be administered, the school will keep its own stock of paracetamol tablets and liquid form.

The written consent of parents will be required in order to administer paracetamol to students. A 'Request to administer medication form' is used.

For students' health and safety the school will ensure staff adhere to the following protocols:

- Before giving paracetamol, affected students will be encouraged to get some fresh air, and have a drink or something to eat. Paracetamol will only be considered if these actions do not work.
- Following consent, paracetamol may be administered by authorised members of staff in the event of a headache, toothache, period pain or any type of mild to moderate pain.
- Paracetamol will not be issued without prior written consent, **and** verbal consent from the parent **on the day**. If verbal consent cannot be obtained, then paracetamol **will not** be given and SLT notified of the concern.
- When a student is given medicine, administering medications protocols will be followed.
- Only standard paracetamol will be given, not combination medicines which may contain other drugs e.g co-codamol.
- If paracetamol does not alleviate symptoms, the student's parents will be contacted again.
- Paracetamol will not be given following a head injury, or where a student has taken paracetamol containing medicine within the last four hours.
- Students who frequently require paracetamol will be asked to provide their own tablets which will be kept securely labelled in their team base medical cupboard and staff will request a HCP from the nursing team.

- If a student has a minor injury whilst at school their condition will be triaged by a First Aider; whereupon appropriate pain relief may be given by a member of staff following consultation and consent from parents (from their own paracetamol).

9. Allergens, anaphylaxis and adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)

The school's Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy is implemented consistently to ensure the safety of those with allergies.

Parents are required to provide the school with up-to-date information relating to their children's allergies, as well as the necessary action to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction, such as any medication required.

The headteacher will ensure the catering contractors fulfil Natasha's Law guidance as appropriate.

Staff members receive appropriate training and support relevant to their level of responsibility, in order to assist students with managing their allergies.

The administration of adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) and the treatment of anaphylaxis will be carried out in accordance with the school's Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy. Where a student has been prescribed an AAI, this will be written into their HCP.

A Register of Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) will be kept of all the students who have been prescribed an AAI to use in the event of anaphylaxis.

Students who have prescribed AAI devices can keep their device in their possession with agreement if they are deemed to be able to in our setting. Other students will have their AAI devices carried by staff supporting the group or in the team base medical cupboard.

Staff members will be trained on how to administer an AAI, and the sequence of events to follow when doing so. AAIs will only be administered by trained staff members.

In the event of anaphylaxis, staff members will alert and call for support on the radio and administer the medication. We recognise where there is a delay – this could cause a fatality; the nearest staff member will administer the AAI. If necessary, other staff members may assist the designated staff members with administering AAIs, e.g. if the student needs restraining.

The school will keep spare AAIs for use in the event of an emergency, which will be checked on a weekly basis to ensure that it remains in date, and which will be replaced before the expiry dates. The spare AAI will be stored in the school office medical cupboard, ensuring that it is protected from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. The spare AAI will only be administered to students at risk of anaphylaxis and where written parental consent has been gained. Where a student's prescribed AAI cannot be administered correctly and without delay, the spare will be used. Where a student who does not have a prescribed AAI appears to be having a severe allergic reaction, the emergency services will be contacted and advice sought as to whether administration of the spare AAI is appropriate.

In the event that a student without a prescribed AAI, or who has not been medically diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis, suffers an allergic reaction, a designated staff member will contact the emergency services and seek advice as to whether an AAI should be administered. An AAI will not be administered in these situations without contacting the emergency services.

Where a student is, or appears to be, having a severe allergic reaction, the emergency services will be contacted even if an AAI device has already been administered.

In the event that an AAI is used, the student's parents will be notified that an AAI has been administered and informed whether this was the student's or the school's device. Where any AAI's are used, the following information will be recorded on the Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI) Record:

- Where and when the reaction took place
- How much medication was given and by whom

AAI's will not be reused and will be disposed of according to manufacturer's guidelines following use.

In the event of a school trip, students at risk of anaphylaxis will have their own AAI with them and the school will give consideration to taking the spare AAI in case of an emergency.

Further information relating to the school's policies and procedures addressing allergens and anaphylaxis can be found in the Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy.

10. Record keeping

Written records will be kept of all medicines administered to students. Proper record keeping will protect both staff and students, and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed. Appropriate forms for record keeping can be found in Appendix D and Appendix E. St Hugh's are piloting a digital EMARS system. Record keeping is expected to move to a digital platform with digital signatures.

11. Emergency procedures

Medical emergencies will be dealt with under the school's emergency procedures.

Where an HCP is in place, it should detail:

- What constitutes an emergency.
- What to do in an emergency.

Students will be informed in general terms of what to do in an emergency, e.g. telling a teacher.

If a student needs to be taken to hospital, a member of staff will remain with the student until their parents arrive. When transporting students with medical conditions to medical facilities, staff members will be informed of the correct postcode and address for use in navigation systems.

12. Day trips, residential visits and sporting activities

Students with medical conditions will be supported to participate in school trips, sporting activities and residential visits.

Prior to an activity taking place, the school will conduct a risk assessment to identify what reasonable adjustments should be taken to enable students with medical conditions to participate. In addition to a risk assessment, advice will be sought from students, parents and relevant medical professionals. The school will arrange for adjustments to be made for all students to participate, except where evidence from a clinician, e.g. a GP, indicates that this is not possible.

13. Unacceptable practice

The school will not:

- Assume that students with the same condition require the same treatment.
- Prevent students from easily accessing their inhalers and medication.
- Ignore the views of the student or their parents.
- Ignore medical evidence or opinion.
- Send students home frequently for reasons associated with their medical condition, or prevent them from taking part in activities at school, including lunch times, unless this is specified in their HCP.
- Penalise students with medical conditions for their attendance record, where the absences relate to their condition.
- Make parents feel obliged or forced to visit the school to administer medication or provide medical support, including for toilet issues. The school will ensure that no parent is made to feel that they have to give up working because the school is unable to support their child's needs.
- Create barriers to students participating in school life, including school trips.
- Refuse to allow students to eat, drink or use the toilet when they need to in order to manage their condition.

14. Liability and indemnity

The governing board will ensure that appropriate insurance is in place to cover staff providing support to students with medical conditions.

The school holds an insurance policy covering liability relating to the administration of medication.

- Provider: Zurich Insurance (through North Lincolnshire County Council).
- Policy Number: QLA-03U005-0033.

In the event of a claim alleging negligence by a member of staff, civil actions are most likely to be brought against the school, not the individual.

15. Complaints

Parents or students wishing to make a complaint concerning the support provided to students with medical conditions are required to speak to the school in the first instance. If they are not satisfied with the school's response, they may make a formal complaint via the school's complaints procedures, as outlined in the Complaints Procedures Policy. If the issue remains unresolved, the complainant has the right to make a formal complaint to the DfE.

Parents and students are free to take independent legal advice and bring formal proceedings if they consider they have legitimate grounds to do so.

16. Home-to-school transport

Arranging home-to-school transport for students with medical conditions is the responsibility of the LA. Where appropriate, the school will share relevant information to allow the LA to develop appropriate transport plans for students with life-threatening conditions.

17. Defibrillators

The school has an IPAD (Intelligent Public Access Defibrillator) automated external defibrillator (AED). The AED will be stored outside the medical room in an alarmed cabinet, the key is on the wall in the therapy room parallel to the defibrillator cupboard.

All staff members and students will be made aware of the AED's location and what to do in an emergency. A risk assessment regarding the storage and use of AEDs at the school will be carried out and reviewed annually.

No training will be needed to use the AED, as voice and/or visual prompts guide the rescuer through the entire process from when the device is first switched on or opened; however, staff members will be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as this is an essential part of first-aid and AED use.

The emergency services will always be called where an AED is used or requires using.

Maintenance checks will be undertaken on AEDs on a weekly basis by the designated EHCA who will also keep an up-to-date record of all checks and maintenance work.

18. Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed on an annual basis by the governing board. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all staff, parents and relevant stakeholders.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is Spring 2027.