

## SPECIAL SITUATIONS

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When giving medication to children, things don't always go as planned. It is important to know what actions you should take for these situations if they arise in your program.

<b>Situation</b>	<b>Action</b>
Unable to safely give the medicine to the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not force the child to take the medication</li> <li>• Notify the child's parent immediately and tell them you cannot safely administer the dose</li> <li>• Document on the child's log of administration form that the dose was not given and the reason why</li> <li>• Consult your program's health care plan for any additional actions</li> </ul>
The child refuses to take the medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not force the child to take the medication</li> <li>• Notify the child's parent immediately and tell him/her you cannot safely administer the dose</li> <li>• Document on the child's log of administration form that the dose was not given and the reason why</li> <li>• Consult your program's health care plan for any additional actions</li> </ul>
Child spits up (or vomits) immediately or soon after getting an oral medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the child's parent as soon as possible and report what happened</li> <li>• Document on the child's log of administration form that the child spit up some of the medication</li> <li>• Do <b><u>not</u></b> administer the dose again</li> </ul>