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This study is a descriptive research to investigate maternal caring behaviors for school-age children regarding prevention of symptoms of allergic rhinitis, health belief of allergic rhinitis and influencing factors over maternal caring behaviors for school-age children regarding prevention of symptoms of allergic rhinitis. The sample group for this study were 150 mothers of school-age children with allergic rhinitis. The mothers selected for the study were those who took children to the allergy clinics of Siriraj Hospital, Chulalongkorn Hospital, Pramongkutkloa Hospital and Queen Sirikit National Institute of Child Health. The data was collected by interview forms to determine of maternal caring behaviors for school-age children and questionnaires about maternal health beliefs concerning allergic rhinitis. The data was analyzed by percentage, mean, standard deviation and Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis.

The results showed that maternal caring behaviors for school-age children and maternal health beliefs were at the correct level. Duration of caring influenced maternal caring behaviors in 2.6 percent of the sample which was statistically significant ($p < .05$). This was the only reliable predictor in the study.

This finding suggests that promotion of maternal caring behaviors may prevent more severe allergic rhinitis and should be concerned about avoidance of the etiologies that cause the disease to recur, over exercise and poor dental health care. In addition, promotion of maternal health beliefs regarding allergic rhinitis should emphasize the etiologies that cause a reoccurrence of the disease and the symptoms that disturb children's sleep. Further studies should focus on the health status of children with allergic rhinitis.