Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amber Fees

Provider Name: Amber Fees

Provider No.: 52727

Address: 1360 E Ave, Marion, IA, 52302

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3194503183

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/20/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C1
- [X] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [X] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Amber became a non-regsitered provider approved to receive CCA effective 8/4/25. She is in the process of becoming a Registered childcare provider. Amber does not currently participate in the IQ4K quality rating system or in the Food Program but did express interest in the Food Program. She was encouraged to reach out to Food Program staff accordingly. Amber is open to caring for children of all ages. Amber is currently providing childcare both first and third shift. She is open to second shift care as well. Amber had been primarily using the lower- level of her home for childcare. She does have an appropriate secondary exit. She did have some recently flooding and has been using her main level until all repairs can be made. She does hope to return to the lower level soon. She has a variety of toys and activities for the children. Amber's yard is mostly fenced. Amber does have 2 dogs and 6 cats. The pets do at times interact with the children. Amber does not currently have an approved assistant or substitute but is working to get her mother her mother approved.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Amber had four children in care on this date. This worker observed appropriate interactions.

Amber has a good variety of toys and activities for the children. Her lower level in particular is set up nicely for childcare.

Amber's documentation was nicely organized in a folder with separate sections for various documentation. That allowed this worker to review her documentation while she was able to continue to supervise the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

120.8(1)n. All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo- and ectoparasites.
Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.
Amber did have an annual pet exam for the 2 dogs but did not have documentation of exams for the 6 cats. She did report that 4 of them had exams she just needed documentation and agreed she does need to seek exams for 2 cats.
*Amber needs to obtain updated/current annual pet exams for all the pets.

120.9(1) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Amber did have a file for each child, but not all had been updated annually.
*Amber needs to ensure that parents review files annually and sign and date accordingly.

Each file contains:
120.9 (2) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
120.9 (2) d : An admission physical examination report signed by physician or clinic designee.
120.9 (2) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
Of the files reviewed, one child was missing the physician information and emergency contact.
One child needed an initial physical and immunization record (that child had just begun childcare this week)
*Amber needs to work with the parents to ensure that she has all the required documentation for each child's file.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 11/10/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Amber shared that she does transport the childcare children. We did discuss regulations involving transporting children in childcare.
Amber did have an above ground pool (used in the summer) that she is currently draining. She reported that the childcare children do not use that pool.
She also shared that she does at times use a baby pool and inflatable for other water play. We did discuss regulations involving the use of a pool in childcare.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Non-Registtered childcare provider.

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As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Amber was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Amber does have a trampoline and noted that she does allow some of the older children to use it. This worker does recommend that she add that to her activities permission form.
This worker also recommended she reach out to the local Food program since she identified a desire to participate in that.
Amber also expressed some interest in utilizing Brightwheel or Playground (Childcare Management Consultant Services) and is encouraged to pursue that if interested.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 10/21/2026

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at I encourage you to work with Ashley Cram with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ashley Cram can be reached at 563-362-8224