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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 10/04/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. You are not a participant in the voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 110.7	**Provider Requirements**
441 IAC 110.8	Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.
441 IAC 110.8(1)	**Facility Requirements**
441 IAC 110.8(1)"h"	The home shall have at least one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway. Each smoke detector shall be installed according to manufacturer's recommendations. The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes
441 IAC 110.8(3)	**Medications and Hazardous Materials**
441 IAC 110.8(3)"a"	All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child
441 IAC 110.8(4)	**Emergency Plans**
441 IAC 110.8(4) "a"	Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.
441 IAC 110.9	Files
441 IAC 110.9(1)	**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**
441 IAC 110.9(1)"a"	A physician's examination report for the provider and all members of the provider's household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) "d", 110.9(4) "f", and 110.9(4) "g"
441 IAC 110.9(1)"b" (1)	I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:

- minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
- Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Prior to registration: First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating date of training and expiration date.

During each two year registration period, the provider shall receive a minimum of 24 hours of training from approved content areas. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

A provider who submits documentation from a child care resource and referral agency that the provider has completed the Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (IA PITC), ChildNet, or Beyond Business Basics training series may use those hours to fulfill a maximum of two years' training requirements, not including first-aid and mandatory reporter training

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children's Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

a. Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent's work address and telephone number.

b. Emergency information including, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child's regular source of health care, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

c. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

d. An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician

1. The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance at the child development home.

2. The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.

3. For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physical examination report.

4. The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child's first day of care

e. For children under the age of 6,a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.

f. For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

g. A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.

h. For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.

i. Documentation that is signed by the parent and names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.

j. Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.**k.** Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care

l. If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.
Carlina did not have a clear path to her secondary exit in case of an emergency. She also did not have a clear path to her tornado area.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.

441 IAC 110.8(4) “a” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
She did have chemicals in reach of the children.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“a” A physician’s examination report for the provider Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b” (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:
Prior to registration:
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Iowa’s Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children’s Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:
An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician
The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance at the child development home.
The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child’s first day of care
For children under the age of 6, a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical.
A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.
Carlina was missing a physical and immunization record for one child and she needs an updated physical for another.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Carlina needs to maintain a clear path to her secondary exit in case of emergencies, as well as a clear path to her tornado area. Carlina needs to send pictorial verification that these areas have been cleared.

Carlina could not find her documentation of monthly testing of her smoke detectors for this 2023 year.
Carlina also could not find her documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills for this year.
Carlina needs to find that documentation and make sure that she is testing her smoke detectors every month and doing her monthly fire and tornado drills, and documenting all of those accordingly.

Carlina did have some chemicals within reach of the children, and this worker had her move them while I was present. She needs to ensure that all medicines and poisonous and toxic and unsafe materials are secured from access by the children at all times

Carlina was not able to locate her physical form. She will need to locate that or make sure that she has a physical exam and that it is documented on the approved HHS form.

Carlina could not locate her verification of child abuse and neglect, mandatory reporter training. She needs to locate that and send pictorial verification to this worker

Carlina was missing a physical and immunization record for one child and she needs an updated physical for another. She needs to work with the parents of the children in her care to ensure she has all necessary paperwork in each of the children's files

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 10/31/23 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send pictorial verification of compliance of the items that are noted above.

I encourage you to work with Ashely Cram from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Ashley can be reached at (563) 362-8224.

Thank you for your service in providing child care in your community.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-429-0749 or cweber@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

Social Worker II

Sheila Aunspach

Social Work Supervisor

Always Remember:

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 877-216-8481

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html

You may also access training at: https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).