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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 08/15/2019. 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)“a”                      The home shall have a nonpay, working land-line or mobile telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. The number for each child’s parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child’s physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. The home must prominently display all emergency information, and all travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information

441 IAC 110.8(1)“b”                      Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. Electrical cords shall be properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous

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(1)“m”                      Any driver who transports children for any purpose shall have a valid driver’s license and adequate motor vehicle insurance that authorizes the driver to operate the type of vehicle being driven. Child restraint devices shall be utilized in compliance with Iowa Code 321.446.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“n”                      Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.  
1. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal’s routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice).  
2. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.

3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.
4. All animal waste shall be immediately removed from the children's areas and properly disposed of. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.
5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

441 IAC 110.8(1) "r" The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

**441 IAC 110.8(2) Use of Outdoor Space**

441 IAC 110.8(2) "a" A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

441 IAC 110.8(2) "c" If children are allowed to use an aboveground or in-ground swimming pool:

1. Written permission from parents shall be available for review.
2. Equipment needed to rescue a child or adult shall be readily accessible.
3. The child care provider shall accompany the children and provide constant supervision while the children use the pool.
4. The child care provider shall complete training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for infants, toddlers, and children, according to the criteria of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

**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(3) "b" A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

441 IAC 110.8(3) "c" Medications shall be given only with the parent's or doctor's written authorization. Each prescribed medication shall be accompanied by a physician's or pharmacist's direction. Both nonprescription and prescription medications shall be in the original container with directions intact and labeled with the child's name. All medications shall be stored properly and, when refrigeration is required, shall be stored in a separate, covered container so as to prevent contamination of food or other medications. All medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to children. Any medication administered to a child shall be recorded, and the record shall indicate the name of the medication, the date and time of administration, and the amount given

**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 110.8(5) Safe Sleep**

441 IAC 110.8(8) Activity Program. There is an activity program and it promotes self-esteem and exploration.

- a. Activity program includes active play.
- b. Activity program includes quiet play.
- c. Activity program includes activities for large muscle development, such as running, climbing and riding toys.
- d. Activity program includes activities for small muscle development, such as coloring,

puzzles, finger plays and play dough.

e. Play equipment and materials in a safe condition, for both indoor and outdoor activities which are developmentally appropriate for the ages and number of children present.

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)“ b” (1) Certificates or other documentation from the department verifying the following:

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. 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 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 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. A list 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. The permission shall include:

1. Times of departure and arrival.
2. Destination.
3. Persons who will be responsible for the child

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:

Danielle needs to remove chicken feces from connected back porch and insure that her chickens are not allowed to remain in any part of the home or connected porch to the home.

Danielle needs to remove recycables, trash and oil container from her transport vehicle. Danielle needs to remove expired Belt Positioning Booster seat from her transport vehicle.

Danielle needs to update her emergency contact sheet for her daycare children and place a copy of this sheet in her transport vehicle.

Danielle needs to place safety caps in one electrical outlet in her kitchen.

Danielle needs to re-install her smoke detector in her playroom area.

Danielle needs to conduct monthly smoke detector checks and monthly fire and tornado drills with her daycare children and document when this has been completed. There was no documentation for June and July of 2019.

Danielle needs to show proof of current insurance for her transport vehicle.

Danielle needs to show documentation of a current physical for one cat on the Pet Health Certificate Form.

Danielle needs to display her current certificate of registration.

Danielle will not utilize her side outdoor play area until her chickens and pig are sufficiently penned up and are inaccessible to daycare children when they utilize this outdoor play area.

Danielle needs to show documentation of current course completion for First Aid/CPR.

Danielle needs to make items in her medicine cabinet inaccessible to daycare children. Needs to remove essential oils from her play room and remove scissors from her play room.

Danielle needs to add a bottle of water to her first aid supplies in her transport vehicle.

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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 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 physician statement. Need updated physical for F.E., T.B., L.B.

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. Need update for F.E., T.B.

Suggestions for Improvement:

This worker had discussion with the provider about moving her chickens and pig to their respective fenced in areas and putting her outdoor play area in her side yard so the children could have more area to run and play in as her current front yard area is constricted where she is only able to have a maximum number of children limited to 9 children (as measured per usable square footage).

Recommendation:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home either on or after 10/4/19.

[ ] Is the recommendation to terminate a provider agreement or revoke a registration?

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.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at (319) 208-5521/creckli@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Chad Reckling

**Social Worker II**

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**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 563-324-3236

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](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).