



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 09/13/2017. 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(1)“i” Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home’s hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.  
All signs shall include:

1. The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
2. The Internet address of the department of public health ([www.iowasmokefreeair.gov](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov))

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)“q” The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies

**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(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials**

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) “b” The provider must have procedures in place for the following:

1. evacuation to safely leave the facility
2. relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
3. shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
4. lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
5. communication plan and plans for reunification with families
6. continuity of operations plans
7. Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

**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)“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(1)“ b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care.

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:

Mary will clear off all items on her basement steps and clear an area in her basement for a tornado safe area.

Mary needs to place copies of her daycare children's emergency contact numbers in her transport automobiles (x2).

Mary needs to re-install her smoke detector at the top of her second story stairs.

Mary needs to place a Iowa Smoke Free Air compliant sign on her front door outwardly facing (took care of during visit) and place in her transport vehicles(x3) so that they are visible from the outside of the vehicle. This worker provided signs during today's visit.

Mary needs to show documentation of current physicals for Dipstick, Nala and Molly on the Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate form.

Mary needs to show her documentation of procedures that she would utilize if a daycare children were to experience a medical emergency while in her care.

Mary needs to remove low hanging electrical wire from the outdoor play area and replace loose fencing all around the perimeter of the outdoor play area.

Mary needs to have the guardian/parent of O.W. sign and date the medication consent form for them.

Mary needs to show documentation of her completed Emergency Preparedness Plan. A template can be downloaded to complete this at [iowaccrr.org](http://iowaccrr.org).

Mary needs to remove expired car restraint seat from one of her transport vehicles. This was removed during today's visit.

Mary needs to show documentation of current physical for Asher, Faith and Micah on the Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report form.

Mary needs to show documentation of her current course completion for Mandatory Reporter training.

Mary needs to show documentation of her Background Check Approval Letter. This can be obtained from the Central Childcare Registration Unit.

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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 written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. Need physical for K.C.

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. Need signature and date from parent on form for O.W.

Suggestions for Improvement:

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 11/2/17.

[ ] 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).