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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 03/12/2025. 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 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

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)

441 IAC 110.8(5) **Safe Sleep**

441 IAC 110.8(5) "a" The provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for infants under the age of one.

a. Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.
b. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.
c. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat, or items not designed for sleeping.
d. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
e. No co-sleeping shall be allowed.
f. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.
g. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

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”

Findings:

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

A random recheck will occur in the next month or month and a half to ensure no one is smoking in the Child Development Home. Safe Sleep must begin immediately. Michael will have 60 days from receiving this letter to get his DHHS Medical Physical Form completed by a qualified medical professional. This will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Traci Honold 515-802-8163) with any compliance or training efforts.

Corrective Action Required:

1. This worker smelled the odor of cigarette smoke in the upper level of the Child Development Home where children are not cared for in the CDH. This worker asked about the smell. You admitted your husband occasionally smokes in the bedroom. You communicated to him he cannot smoke in the home but sometimes it happens. We discussed this is not negotiable and you acknowledged this fact. This worker had a conversation with your husband to explain the situation. You both signed a Safety Plan for not smoking in the Child Development Home which if not followed could result in your registration being revoked.

2. When this worker arrived at nap time I observed an infant sleeping in the Pack and Play with a baby bottle in the Pack and Play. There was a mobile hanging over the Pack and Play and a fabric shelf on the side of the Pack and Play where items in it could fall into the Pack and Play when the baby is sleeping. You immediately corrected the issues when prompted. You did sign a Safety Plan for Safe Sleep Policy. This worker made a referral to CCR&R to touch base with you regarding Safe Sleep Policy.

3. Michael needs to get a DHHS Medical Form completed by a qualified medical professional and it needs to be in your file.

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 515-601-9469/jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jake Aringdale

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).