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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 04/09/2025. 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)“ 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(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)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(1)“n” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.
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The provider needs updated physical examinations for the pets.

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There were numerous hazardous items in the outdoor play area.

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The child lock for the cabinet under the kitchen sink was off.

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children’s files. An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:
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 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.
c. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
d. For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child’s first day.
e. For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.
f. For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
g. A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
h. Written emergency plans for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
i. Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.
j. Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.

Several children's files need updated documents.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 5/9/25 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

Amber can be reached at (712) 541-3498

Corrective Action Required:

Please provide documentation of current physical examinations for your pets on form 470-5153.

Please clean up your backyard play area before the children are allowed to play in it.

Please make sure the child lock is secured on the cabinet under the kitchen sink.

Please update the children's files as needed.

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 712-220-0981 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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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 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).