



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the follow up at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 06/29/2020. 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)“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)“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(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) “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:

On 6/29/20 Chad Reckling, SW II conducted a follow up visit to the childcare home. The following was observed:

Mary needs to update her emergency contact sheet for her daycare children for her transport vehicle. This was observed to be completed.

Mary needs to replace battery in her smoke detector located in her living room. This was observed to be completed.

Mary needs to insure that she documents when she performs her monthly smoke detector checks and fire and tornado drills with her daycare children. Data was missing from October 2019 until the present month. This was observed to be completed.

Mary needs to show documentation of a current physical for one cat on the Pet Health Examination form. This was observed to be completed.

Mary needs to repair or replace Little Tikes slide that has a cracked step on it. This was observed to be completed.

Items of non-compliance present after today's visit:

Mary needs to show documentation of a current physical for Micah on a Childcare Provider Physical Examination Report form. This requirement will be completed as soon as the provider is able to schedule a physical for this individual given the current COVID19 situation. This appointment is scheduled for 8/13/20.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Please contact Child Care Resource and Referral regarding further questions about childcare or childcare operations.

Recommendation:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will not be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. Please completed the above mentioned items of non-compliance as soon as possible and submit to the department for review.

[ ] 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.

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will not be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

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).