04/24/2025

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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 04/23/2025. 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:

FINDINGS:	**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**
441 IAC 110.6	Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
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 110.9	Files
441 IAC 110.9(1)	**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**
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.

441 IAC 110.13 **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "A"**

441 IAC 110.13(1)" a" No more than six children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 4/23/25 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.6 Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

As a Registered category A provider, Angela is allowed 6 preschool age children at one time. On this date she had 7 preschool aged children in care.

We did discuss that she is only allowed 6 preschool aged children at one time. She presented as aware of that but had allowed a part time child to attend on this

date and that put her over her numbers. We did discuss the needs to stay within the number allowed and if a child is not supposed to be there on a particular day,

then she needs to not accept that child if the parent tries to bring them.

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

Angela did have a set of knives on her kitchen counter. With the set up of her home, children can stand on the bench at the table where they eat, reach through an opening to the kitchen and reach the knives. While this worker was present, a child did climb up at the table and was reaching through the opening. This worker did advise Angela to move the set of knives, so they were not accessible by a child. She did move those while this worker was present.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“a” The number for each child’s parent, a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and 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.

Angela did have a written list of children, parent contact, emergency contact and physician information written but it needs to be updated to include all of the children currently enrolled in her care.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.

Angela did not have documentation of monthly testing of smoke detectors.

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.

Angela could not locate this documentation.

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:
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.
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.
The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child’s first day of care
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.
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.

Angela was missing an initial physical for one of the children in care.

441 IAC 110.13(1)”a” No more than six children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

Angela did have 7 children under Kindergarten on this date. She is only allowed 6 at one time. As noted above, we did discuss this area of compliance.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 5/14/25 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with Ashley Cram with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Ashley Cram can be reached at 563-362-8224

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

Corrective Action Required:

Angela needs to ensure that she has no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

Angela needs to ensure that the home is safe and free of hazards at all times. (This was in reference to a set of knives that was accessible to the children.)

Angela needs to update her written list of children, parental contact, emergency contact and physician to include all of the children enrolled at her childcare.

Angela needs to ensure that she is testing her smoke detectors monthly and documenting that accordingly.

Angela should try to locate her 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 childcare. She needs to keep this documentation in the future for annual compliance checks.

Angela needs to obtain the missing physical and work with parents to ensure she has all documentation that is required for the kids' files.

Angela needs to ensure that no more than six children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

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 319-429-0749 or christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

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).