06/11/2025

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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 06/11/2025. 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)"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(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
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 110.9	Files
441 IAC 110.9(1)	**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**
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:

An annual compliance check was completed on 6/11/25 and the following was out of compliance:

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.
Mary had this document, but it was not fully updated with all of the children 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.
Mary could not locate this documentation.

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.
Mary could not locate her documentation for 2025 and her documentation for last year was only partially filled out.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a”
All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
Mary had a pair of large tree/shrub trimming shears in the corner of her dining room area. While this worker was present a young child did get ahold of them. Mary did remove them from the child, but this worker had her move them, so they were no longer accessible to the children.

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.
Mary was missing an updated/annual physical for 1 of the children in care.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

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

Emmeka Hawkins can be reached at 563-499-1853

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

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 7/2/25 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

Mary needs to update her written list of numbers for each child's parent, a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and the child's physician to include all of the children enrolled.

Mary needs to ensure that she test all her smoke alarms monthly and documents those accordingly.

Mary needs to ensure that she practices fire and tornado drills monthly and documents those accordingly.

Mary needs to ensure that all unsafe materials are secured from access by a child at all times.

Mary needs to work with the parents to obtain all required documentation for the children's 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 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).