12/14/2022

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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 12/14/2022. 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)"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(1)"r" The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

441 IAC 110.8(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials

441 IAC 110.8(3)"b" A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

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(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)"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(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care
2. A completed Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.
3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.

441 IAC 110.9(3) An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.9(1) "a" have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care.

2. A completed Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.
3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.
4. Certification in infant and child first aid
5. Certification or other documentation that minimum health and safety training has been completed within 3 months or prior to providing substitute care, whichever occurs first.

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:
On 12/14/22 Chad Reckling, SW II conducted a follow up compliance visit to the childcare home. The following was observed:

Tricia needs to re-install her detectors located in her play room, living room and at the top of her basement steps. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to show documentation for her monthly smoke detector checks and fire and tornado drills completed with the children. No data was available for October 2021 until the present time. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to show documentation of current physicals for three dogs on the Pet Health Examination Form. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to display her current certificate of registration. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to add a bottled water to her first aid kit/supplies. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to show documentation of current course completion for Health and Safety Training/Essentials training. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to show documentation of a current approval letter for Amy to be an assistant/substitute for her childcare operation. This was observed to be completed.

Tricia needs to show documentation of a current physical for Amy on the Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report form. This was observed to be completed.

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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. Need for M.B. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for S.M. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need for M.B. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for S.M. This was observed to be completed.

A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment. Need for M.B. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for S.M. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need physical for R.F., M.B. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need school-aged health status form for S.M., J.J., A.J. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need updated physical for C.H. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need enrollment physical (past physical by a doctor) for A.J. This was observed to be completed.

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. Need for R.F., M.B., A.J. Need update for C.H. This was observed to be completed.

Documentation list 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. Need for M.B. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for S.M. This was observed to be completed.

Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home. Need for M.B. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for S.M. This was observed to be completed.

Items of non-compliance still remaining after today's visit:

Tricia needs to show documentation of her current Background Check Approval Letter. A copy can be obtained from the central childcare registration unit if needed.

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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. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for A.H., J.H.

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. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for A.H., J.H.

A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for A.H., J.H.

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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. Need updated physical for J.H.

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. Need update for J.H.

Documentation list 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. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for A.H., J.H.

Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home. Need updated parent signature and date on forms for A.H., J.H.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Corrective Action Required:

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 have all items of non-compliance noted above completed by 12/16/22 and submit to the department via email for review.

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) 768-8653/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

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).