



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 08/29/2018. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 120, describes specific requirements that must be met by a child care home that has a child care assistance provider agreement. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

**441 IAC 120.8(1)**      **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 120.8(1)“g”      The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.

**441 IAC 120.9**      **Children’s Files**

441 IAC 120.9(1)      An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are 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
- e. For children under the age of six, 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 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 physician statement.
- f. Documentation signed by the parent which 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.
- 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. Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.
- j. 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:

Per the compliance visit completed on 8/29/18, the following corrections are necessary based on the above mentioned rules:

1. At the time of our visit, you did have a fire extinguisher, however, it was a 1A 10 BC, which is too small to meet the rule requirement. Please be sure the extinguisher is a 2A 10 BC or larger. Classification can be located on the box or in fine print on the extinguisher.
2. At the time of our visit several children were in need of an immunization record and also a current or valid physical. Please be sure for children who are not yet in school that the document is a report or discharge summary from the physician or a form that is signed by the physician, not just the parent. Parents have sixty days to provide the requested paperwork. Child who do not qualify for an extension must have the completed paperwork submitted timely or children may not return to care until the requested paperwork is obtained. You may also contact Kara Wall with Visiting Nurse Services 515-468-3770 for assistance with immunization records and updates.

#### Suggestions for Improvement:

.Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)  
Consultant: MEGAN KERKMANN 515-246-3583

Please do not hesitate to access the free and voluntary consulting services offered by CCR&R to assist with any compliance related needs or questions.

#### Recommendation:

All corrections must be completed by 10/31/18. No recheck is planned at this time. All corrections will be verified at the time of the next annual compliance visit.

[ ] 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 of your Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement. 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 515-993-1742/mcrawfo@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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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