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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the October 21, 2015 compliance check of your Level B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

441 IAC 110.5(1)“k” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file

The last tornado or fire drill was recorded in May 2015. Need to update records and keep current log ongoing.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“n” 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

Provider needs a compliant smoke detector in the kitchen, each child occupied bedroom, the downstairs bathroom and the laundry room.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“o” Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home’s hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.

All signs shall include:

- (1) The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
- (2) The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

Provider needs no smoking signs on living room door and back kitchen door.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“q” 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

Mia the cat needs annual exam and immunization record on file.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“x” A provider operating in a facility built before 1960 shall assess and control lead hazards before being issued an initial child development home registration or a renewal of the registration. To comply with this requirement, the provider shall:

(1) Conduct a visual assessment of the facility for lead hazards that exist in the form of peeling or chipping paint;

(2) Apply interim controls on any chipping or peeling paint found, using lead-safe work methods in accordance with and as defined by department of public health rules at 641—Chapters 69 and 70, unless a certified inspector as defined in 641—Chapter 70 determines that the paint is not lead-based paint; and

(3) Submit Form 470-4755, Lead Assessment and Control, as verification of the visual assessment and completion of interim controls, if necessary.

The chipping pain on kitchen ceiling needs to be repaired. Chipping paint on garage needs to be repaired and playground area needs to be remediated of paint chips.

441 IAC 110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

441 IAC110.5(2)“c” An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

(1) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.7(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 relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years.

Need certification of 2 hour of training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse for Brittany.

441 IAC 110.5(3) 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.

The boat in the playground needs to be laid flat on the ground full length or removed from the area.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "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.

Need a statement of health status for 2 children

441 IAC 110.5(8) "e". 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.

Need a statement of health signed by a physician for 6 children.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "h". 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 a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment for 2 children.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "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.

Need a signed and dated immunization certificate for 5 children.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory 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 within the next 45 days.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates. **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.**

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: December 10, 2015

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Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-292-2433 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

John Wright
Social Worker II



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 563-382-4447.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for 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).