



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Amber,

This letter is in regards to the 9/17/15 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:

**FINDINGS:** *Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.*

441 IAC 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

441 IAC 110.5(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

**Amber will update her contact sheet and will place a copy of her emergency contact sheet in her transport vehicle.**

441 IAC 110.5(1)“c” 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, antiseptic cleaning materials, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

**Amber will place disposable tweezers in her home and auto first aid kit.**

442 IAC 110.5(1)“d” Medications shall be given only with the parent’s or doctor’s written authorization. Each prescribed medication shall be accompanied by a physician’s or pharmacist’s direction. Both nonprescription and prescription medications shall be in the original container with directions intact and labeled with the child’s name. All medications shall be stored properly and, when refrigeration is required, shall be stored in a separate, covered container so as to prevent contamination of food or other medications. All medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to children. Any medication administered to a child shall be recorded, and the record shall indicate the name of the medication, the date and time of administration, and the amount given

**Amber needs to obtain parental consent for medications for F.P. provides documentation when medications are administered to them.**

- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“g” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.

**Amber needs to place child gate up at her living room entryway.**

- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“h” A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

**Amber needs to store rake, reassemble metal swing and extend out slide landing area with border and fall surfacing.**

- 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

**Amber needs to provide current physical information for Ollie on approved form.**

- 441 IAC 110.5(4) The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

**Amber needs to display her current certificate.**

- 441 IAC 110.5(8) Children’s Files. An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

- 441 IAC 110.5(8) “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.

**Need copy for M.W. from siblings file.**

- 441 IAC 110.5 (8) “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.

**Need copy for M.W. from siblings file.**

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 school-aged health status form for J.U.**

441 IAC 110.5(8) "f". A list 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.

**Need copy for M.W. from siblings file.**

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 date on form for B.G.**

441 IAC 110.5(8) "i". Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home. The permission shall include:

(1) Times of departure and arrival.

(2) Destination.

(3) Persons who will be responsible for the child

**Need copy for M.W. from siblings file.**

**Suggestions for Improvement:**

N/A

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 by 11/2/15.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home on or after **11/2/15**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-208-5521 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Social Worker II

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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 1-866-324-3236.

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](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).