



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Miranda,

This letter is in regards to the 10/15/15 compliance check of your Level C, 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.

**Miranda will turn off Scentsy in basement bathroom during daycare hours and will move 4 month old infant to other bedroom in basement for sleeping. Current bedroom contains hunting supplies, guns and bows.**

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.

**Miranda will replace her broken pair of disposable tweezers in her home first aid kit.**

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.

**Miranda will repair or replace riding fire truck toy; rake mulch back under swing area of swingset and de-weed enclosed play area where swingset is located.**

441 IAC 110.5(1)“j” Emergency plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

**Miranda will place a specific street address and evacuation area on her plans that are posted.**

441 IAC 110.5(1)“l” A safety barrier shall surround any heating stove or heating element, in order to prevent burns.

**Miranda will put up barrier around her wood burning stove located in the basement.**

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).

**Miranda needs to have current physicals placed on approved form for Bella, Garfield, Dane.**

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

441 IAC 110.5(2)“a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the household . Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on 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 initial registration; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.

**Miranda needs to provide documentation of physicals for Knox, Harper and Rowan on approved form.**

441 IAC 110.5(2)“b” (1) Certificates or training verification and record check documentation.

Within the first three months of registration :

Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training (and every 5 years thereafter.)

Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating the date of first-aid training and the expiration date

During the first year of registration, the provider shall receive a minimum of 12 hours of training from one or more of the following content areas. The provider shall receive at least 6 of these hours in a group setting. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

During the second year of registration and each succeeding year, twelve hours of approved training. At least six hours shall be in a group setting.

A provider who submits documentation from a child care resource and referral agency that the provider has completed the Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (IA PITC), ChildNet, or Beyond Business Basics training series may use those hours to fulfill a maximum of two years' training requirements, not including first-aid and mandatory reporter training

**Miranda currently has 6 hours of training and her co-provider Nathan has 0 hours of training and her next renewal date is 5-1-16. Miranda and Nathan will have to complete and show documentation of 24 hours of ongoing training prior to their renewal date.**

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.

**Please refer to 110.5(1)h.**

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) "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 physical for L.H.**

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 updated physical for K.M.**

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 date on form for H.H.**

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 update for K.M.**

**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 11/30/15.**

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 **11/30/15**.

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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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 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://cmis.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).