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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 10-28-15 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:

☐ 441 IAC 110.5(1)"b" All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child *(chemicals under sink need lock)*

☐ 441 IAC 110.5(1)"e" Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. *(outlet in hallway)*

☐ 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 *(need to test and document monthly)*

☐ 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: *(i)*

(1) Times of departure and arrival.
(2) Destination.
(3) Persons who will be responsible for the child

☐ 441 IAC 110.9(3)"c" The home shall have a minimum of two direct exits to the outside from the main floor.

(1) If the second level or the basement of the home is used for the provision of child care, other than the use of a restroom, each additional child-occupied floor shall have at least one direct exit to the outside in addition to one inside stairway.
(2) All exits shall terminate at grade level with permanent steps.
(3) A basement window may be used as an exit if the window can be opened from the inside without the use of tools and it provides a clear opening of not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area. The bottom of the opening shall be not more than 44 inches above the floor, with permanent steps inside leading up to the window *(clear path to steps to egress)*
(4) Occupancy above the second floor shall not be permitted for child care.

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.**

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 641-421-1219 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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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 319-267-2644.

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).