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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 11-25-15 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 110.4 Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.4(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate. *(10)*
- 441 IAC 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. *(need to clean dog feces out of garage as it is 2nd exit)*
- 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 *(need to post, need to update with all kids)*
- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“b” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child *(moved pet medication during visit)*
- 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 *(pet medication moved, needs to remain inaccessible)*
- 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. Electrical cords shall be properly used.

Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous *(needed caps in living room outlets)*

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. *(need to add flood/natural disaster)*

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 *(need to practice all document monthly, 3rd warning final)*

441 IAC 110.5(1)“m” 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. *(need to make visible)*

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 all monthly document)*

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. *(need at both exits)*

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)

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 dogs – need on five, 1 cat needs update)*

(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. *(need to move cat litter out of hallway)*

441 IAC 110.5(1)“v” The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies *(need written policy)*

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. *(Brian, Anna, Shawn, and Brian Jr. need, 3rd and final warning)*

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 *(need on file)*

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 *(need 17 more hours, work with CCRR to identify a plan)*

441 IAC 110.5(2)“b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.7(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care. *(need on Brian Jr., Brian Sr., and Anna)*

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

(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.

441 IAC 110.5(2)“d” An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains:

(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. *(need on file)*

(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 on file)*

(4) Certification in infant and child first aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR. *(need on 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 (2)

(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

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. (3)

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. (2)

441 IAC 110.9(1) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY “B”

441 IAC 110.9(1)“a” No more than six children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time (7, *need to document part-time hours*)

441 IAC 110.9(1)“d” In addition to these ten children, no more than two children who are receiving care on a part-time basis may be present. *(need to document, discussed)*

44 1 IAC 110.9(1)“f” If more than eight children are present at any one time for a period of more than two hours, the provider shall be assisted by a department-approved assistant who is at least 14 years old (10 *present, no assistant*)

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.**

It is imperative you cease operation over numbers, any future non-compliance will be reason for immediate revocation.

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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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 641-424-9559.

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).