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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the October 20, 2015 compliance check of your Level A, 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

Findings: Had medications in nightstand in the bedroom. Even though this is not a childcare area, this is not considered as being inaccessible. Need to secure all medications in an area that is not accessible by children. You have beds for napping children on that floor.

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.

Findings: Need to restock your kits in the home and the outside play area. Kits should include antiseptic cleansing materials, disposable tweezers and plastic gloves.

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.

Findings: I have attached a form for you to use when dispensing medications.

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,

Findings: Need to practice and document drills monthly. I have attached a form you can use for documentation.

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.

Findings: Need to test smoke detectors monthly and keep a log. I have attached a form you can use to log your smoke detector tests.

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

Findings: You were only able to show me 8 hours of training. Check with CCRR for training assistance.

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

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:

Findings: Missing files for three children.

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.

Findings: Missing for three children.

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.

Findings: Missing for three children.

441 IAC 110.5(8) “c”. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

Findings: Missing for three 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.

Findings: Need for all school age children. Need for all preschoolers and infants who have attended for longer than one year.

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.

Findings: Need for two 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.

Findings: Need for three children.

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.

Findings: Need for three children. I have attached a form that you can use.

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

Findings: Need for three children. I have attached a form you can use.

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.

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: January 3, 2016.

X _____
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-292-2360 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Pat Smart
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 319-233-0804.

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).