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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 9-15-15 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) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. *(Clear path to 2nd exit or add stairs to window, 2nd warning, 30 days to correct.)*

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 *(Secure TV cords on lower level)*

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. *(Make main extinguisher visible/sticker)*

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 *(Add smoke detector to Addyson’s room where child sleeps.)*

(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). *(Two inside and four outside cats need updates.)*

441 IAC 110.5(1)“r” When there is a swimming or wading pool on the premises:
(1) A wading pool shall be drained daily and shall be inaccessible to children when it is not in use. *(Make inaccessible when not in use.)*

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. *(must have 2nd clear exit, or add stairs to window, 2nd warning)*

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.

As discussed, any future non-compliance regarding safe 2nd exit could be reason for revocation of registration.

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 641-394-4854.

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://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).