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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 10-19-15 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. *(total 6, over on infant numbers)*

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

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

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 visible with sticker or move)*

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 side door)*

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)“p” Children under the age of one year shall be placed on their backs when sleeping unless otherwise authorized in writing by a physician. *(discussed continuing rock and play as sleeping situation)*

441 IAC 110.5(1)“q” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.

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). *(Max needs a correct form, gave form.)*

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. *(All household members need updates, gave 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.) *(need on file)*

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 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. *(unknown, provider could not access file)*

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: *(need a file on 1 child)*

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. (3)

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. (4)

441 IAC 110.5(8) “c”. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment. (5)

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 (4)

(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. (2)

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.

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. (3)

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. (3)

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: (2)

(1) Times of departure and arrival.

(2) Destination.

(3) Persons who will be responsible for the child

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b” Of these six children, not more than four children who are 24 months of age or younger shall be present at any one time. Of these four children, no more than three may be 18 months of age or younger. (5 under 24 mos.)

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.**

You have until 10-21-15 to file exception to policy with Central Office, to address the over numbers issue. If not done by then OR if Exception not approved you will need to decrease numbers immediately or you may be revoked.

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 641-394-4854.

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://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).