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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 07/09/2024. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. You are not a participant in the voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 110.8(1)

Facility Requirements

- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“g” 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.
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” 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
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“n” 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. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.
 3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.
 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.
 5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

441 IAC 110.9

Files

441 IAC 110.9(1)**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**

441 IAC 110.9(1)“ a”

A physician's examination report for the provider and all members of the provider's household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) “d”, 110.9(4) “f”, and 110.9(4) “g”

Findings:

1. 110.8(1)g The provider does not have a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher in the home.
2. 110.8(1)h The provider does not have a smoke detector in the cottage.
3. 110.8(1)n The provider's dog does not have a current, annual physical.
4. 110.9(1) Provider File:
 - The provider does not have a physical for her husband, Matt, in the provider file.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

The provider will send photos of completed items to SW Bailey prior to approval.

I encourage you to work with Tabitha Copeland from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Tabitha can be reached at: 563-362-8228

Corrective Action Required:

1. The provider needs to have a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher in the house.
2. The provider needs to add a smoke detector to the cottage.
3. The provider needs a current, annual physical for dog, on form 470-5153 Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health certificate.
4. The provider needs a current physical for her husband, on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, in provider file.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-800-4702 or hbailey@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey



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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 877-216-8481

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html

You may also access 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).