

07/03/2024

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 07/02/2024. 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)“ 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 110.8(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(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 110.8(3)“ a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

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”

441 IAC 110.9(1)“ b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.

441 IAC 110.9(4)

Children's Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

- 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.
- 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.
- c. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
- d. An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician
  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
- e. For children under the age of 6, 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 enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.
- f. 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.
- 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.
- h. For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.
- i. Documentation that is signed by the parent and 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.
- j. Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.
- k. Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care
- l. If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

**Findings:**

An annual compliance check was completed on 7/2/24 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(1)"a" 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.

Donna had this documentation, but it needs to be updated with all of the children enrolled in care.

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.

Donna did not have a smoke detector in the playroom.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.

Donna had chemicals in a cabinet under the bathroom sink that were not secured. She does currently have the bathroom door closed and she reported that no children currently use the bathroom but she may begin working on potty training soon and that will need to be secured.

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”

Donna had her adult daughter and granddaughter move into her home and they have not been approved to reside in the home. Donna did not have physicals for either of them.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.

Donna had her adult daughter and granddaughter move into her home and they have not been approved to reside in the home. Donna stated she tried to go online to get them added but was unable to navigate the system. This worker agreed to notify her CCR&R worker to ask them to assist her in getting the appropriate paperwork completed for them to be approved to reside in the home.

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children’s Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

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.

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.

A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician

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.

The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.

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.

The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child’s first day of care

For children under the age of 6, 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 enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.

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.

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.

For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.

Documentation list that is signed by the parent and 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.

Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.

Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care

If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Donna was missing an entire file for one of the kids in care. She also was missing initial physicals for two additional children and needs an updated physical for one child.



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## Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 7/23/24 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted below.

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

Rachel can be reached at (563) 362-8225.

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

## Corrective Action Required:

Donna needs to update her written documentation of the number for each child's parent, a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and the child's physician.

Donna needs to obtain a smoke detector in the playroom and send pictorial verification.

Donna needs to secure the cabinet in the bathroom (that has chemicals) and send pictorial verification to this worker.

Donna needs to obtain physicals for her adult daughter and granddaughter who now reside in the home.

Donna agreed to take steps to get her adult daughter and granddaughter approved to reside in the home. This worker agreed to notify her CCR&R worker to ask them to assist her in getting the appropriate paperwork completed for them to be approved to reside in the home.

Donna needs to work with the parents to obtain all required paperwork for the children's files.

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 319-429-0749 or cweber@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

**Social Worker II**

Sheila Aunspach

**Social Work Supervisor**

Always Remember:



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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](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).