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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 08/31/2022. 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 110.7 **Provider Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

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)“b” 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

441 IAC 110.8(1)“d” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.

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)“i” 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.
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 110.8(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 110.8(1)“ p”

The provider shall have written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies.

441 IAC 110.8(2)

Use of Outdoor Space

441 IAC 110.8(2) “a”

A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

441 IAC 110.8(3)

Medications and Hazardous Materials

441 IAC 110.8(3)“b”

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, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“c”

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

441 IAC 110.8(4)

Emergency Plans

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Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

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” (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:

- minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
- Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Prior to registration: First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating date of training and expiration date.

During each two year registration period, the provider shall receive a minimum of 24 hours of training from approved content areas. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

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 110.9(2)

An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care
2. A completed 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 approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.
3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.

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.

441 IAC 110.14(3) Facility requirements

441 IAC 110.14(3)" b" The home shall have a separate quiet area for sick children.

Findings:

Shenitha needs to show documentation of her updated emergency contact sheet for her child care children.

Shenitha needs to put 2 outlet covers on her bathroom electrical outlet and one on the electrical outlet in the back playroom on the south side of the room, under the window.

Shenitha needs to install a child safety gate on the front porch just north of her main steps.

Shenitha needs to install a new battery in the smoke detector on the outside wall of the bathroom.

Shenitha needs to put up an Iowa Smoke Free Air Act Compliant No Smoking Sign on the Front door.

Shenitha needs to show documentation of a current physical for her dog, Princess on the Pet Health Examination Form. Form # 470-5153

Shenitha needs to show documentation of her policy/procedure on isolating a child that becomes sick while in her care and where that isolation area would be while in her home.

Shenitha needs to remove all weeds along her fence line in her play area; remove broken toys (pink stroller, red toy, pop up tents/baskets); pick up garbage on the ground in play area; remove spring from basketball net on blue/ white basketball hoop; remove folding chair in play area that has torn vinyl on seat; need to reinstall plank board on the south side of fence.

Shenitha needs to remove garbage on front porch; remove grill from front porch; install spindle on south side of railing on front porch; install a child safety gate at top of steps leading up to porch.

Shenitha needs to have disposable gloves and bottle of water for her first aid kit.

Shenitha needs to show documentation of a medication consent form, if needed. This worker provided Shenitha a copy of this form on today's visit.

Shenitha needs to ensure that all medications are properly stored and inaccessible to children. This worker located a bottle of liquid Tylenol in cabinet under changing table in the bathroom. This worker provided it to Shenitha and she put the medication in the kitchen.

Shenitha needs to obtain a covered garbage container for all soiled diapers. This worker referred Shenitha to contact CCRR to obtain a garbage can.

Shenitha needs to show documentation of a clear floor plan on her existing emergency plans for Fire, Flood, and Tornado that are already posted.

Shenitha needs to documentation of a current physical for Jeffrey Sr. and herself on the Child care Provider Physical Examination form (470-5152)

Shenitha needs to show documentation of a current physical and immunization form for her children, Jeffrey Jr. and Jayvion.

Shenitha needs to show documentation of her certificates for Essentials modules 1,2,3,4,6&7

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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.

*Needs to have enrollment form filled out for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ (5), MJ(9) NN(17 months), NN(2), SN (7), SN (7), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11, KW (11).

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.

*Needs to have enrollment form filled out for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ (5), MJ(9) NN(17 months), NN(2), SN (7), SN (7), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11, KW (11).

A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

*Needs to have medical consent form filled out for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ (5), MJ(9) NN(17 months), NN(2), SN (7), SN (7), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11, KW (11).

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.

Need physical for RC, NN(17mo.), NN(17Mo), NN(2), TR(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.

Need School aged health status form for: KH, SH, SA, WH, JK, MJ (5), MJ(9), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11), and KW(11)

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.

Need enrollment physical (past physical by a doctor) for: KH, SH, SA, WH, JK, MJ (5), MJ(9), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11), and KW(11)

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.

Need immunizations records for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ(9), NN(2), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR,



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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.

*Needs to have enrollment form filled out for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ (5), MJ(9) NN(17 months), NN(2), SN (7), SN (7), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11, KW (11).

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

Needs permission form for: KH, SH, SA, RC, WH, JK, NN(17 months), MJ (5), MJ(9) NN(17 months), NN(2), SN (7), SN (7), TR(2), TR(5), TC, KB, BR, MR (8), MR(8), RR, KW(11, KW (11)

Suggestions/Recommendations:

It was suggested to Shenitha to contact CCRR for assistance with a mattress /sheets for the baby crib, garbage pail for soiled diapers, in addition to paperwork and organizational skills for her childcare operation.

Corrective Action Required:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home on or after October 21, 2022.

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 563-590-1536 or therbst@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Social Worker II

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Social Work Supervisor

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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 563-557-1628

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).