

02/18/2025

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 02/18/2025. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 120, describes specific requirements that must be met by a child care home that has a child care assistance provider agreement. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 120.8(1)

Facility Requirements

- 441 IAC 120.8(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 120.8(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 120.8(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 120.8(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 120.8(4) Emergency Plans

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- 441 IAC 120.8(4) “b” The provider must have procedures in place for the following:
1. evacuation to safely leave the facility
 2. relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
 3. shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
 4. lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
 5. communication plan and plans for reunification with families
 6. continuity of operations plans
 7. Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

441 IAC 120.9 Children's Files

- 441 IAC 120.9(1) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.

Findings:

Per our 2/18/2025 compliance visit, the following corrections need to be made:

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shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue

lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation

communication plan and plans for reunification with families

continuity of operations plans

Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

441 IAC 120.9(1) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.

441 IAC 120.9(2) 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

For children under the age of six, 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.

Documentation 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.

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.

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

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.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage Sandra to work with Katie Kytola from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Katie can be reached at: (515) 631-2913

Corrective Action Required:

Sandra is a new Non-Registered child care provider and was just approved 2 months ago. Most of her corrections involve paperwork and postings specific to HHS forms and requirements.

1. Sandra needs to post a sheet with emergency and parent contact phone numbers in an accessible location. I suggest using the Phone Numbers sheet I shared a copy of.
2. Sandra needs to upgrade her fire extinguisher from a size 1A 10BC to a size 2A 10BC.
3. Sandra needs to post a no-smoking sign next to her front and back entrance. (Katie Kytola would be a good resource to provide the sign.)
4. Sandra needs to obtain a current vet form for her dog using the State form I shared a copy of.
5. Sandra needs to post an emergency/disaster plan next to her front and back door. This plan should include a map of her main level identifying her fire/tornado exits and locations.
6. Sandra needs to develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan to have on file. I encourage her to use the blank template I shared a copy of for this.
7. Sandra needs to develop a file for her 1 child in care which includes the items listed in the description above.

I encourage Sandra to work with Katie Kytola from Child Care Resource and Referral with many of these items. No re-check is required at Sandra's operation at this time. The above corrections need to be in place by 5/31/2025 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation of your Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement. 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 (515) 291-0008 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

Social Worker II

Sheila Aunspach

Social Work Supervisor

02/18/2025

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