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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 12/29/2022. 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)“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 120.8(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 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(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials**

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

441 IAC 120.8(4) “a” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.

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

**Findings:**

None of the accessible electrical outlets in the apartment were tamper-resistant or safely capped.

You did not have a smoke detector in the child occupied bedroom.

You did not have documentation of a current physical examination for your cat.

You did not have disposable tweezers in your first aid kit.

You did not have record of completed monthly fire and tornado drills.

You did not have documentation of a complete Emergency Preparedness plan.

**Suggestions/Recommendations:**

Please make sure all accessible electrical outlets in the apartment are tamper-resistant or safely capped.

Please install a smoke detector in the child occupied bedroom.

Please documentation of a current physical examination for your cat.

Please obtain disposable tweezers for your first aid kit.

Please complete monthly fire and tornado drills and document.

Please complete an Emergency Preparedness plan.

**Corrective Action Required:**



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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 712-749-2536, ext. 106 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Dave Jaehrling

**Social Worker II**

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**Social Work Supervisor**

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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