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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 11/01/2023. 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:

FINDINGS:**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**

441 IAC 110.6

Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

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)“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)“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(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**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "B"**

441 IAC 110.14(1) "a" No more than eight children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

Findings:

1. 110.6 The provider was caring for 9 preschool children at the time of the compliance visit, she is a category B provider and is limited to no more than 8 preschool children at any one time, including infants. The provider stated that some of the children she cares for only come part time and don't have a regular schedule so it's difficult for her to keep within ratio. The provider appeared overwhelmed during the compliance visit, she was having difficulty meeting all of the children's needs.

2. 110.8 The provider's home was very cluttered, there was not a clear path to the basement, which is identified as the tornado shelter.

3. 110.8(1)h The provider does not test smoke detectors monthly and keep documentation.

4. 110.8(1)n The provider's annual pet exams are expired.

5. 110.9(1)b The provider was unable to locate her Mandatory Reporter certificate during the compliance visit.

6. 110.9(4)e & g Children's Files:

-The provider was missing current physicals and immunization certificates for some of the children in care.

7. 110.14(1)a The provider was over numbers for a category B home.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. The provider needs to speak with parents and have a schedule as to when children are coming so that she can assure that she is not over ratio. The provider agreed to contact parents and not care for more than 8 preschool children at any one time, including infants. The provider may benefit from reducing her numbers to below ratio so that she is able to meet all of the needs of all of the children she is caring for.
2. The provider needs to declutter the home so that her doors and stairways are easily accessible, especially routes identified for emergency and disaster plans. The provider needs to clear the doorway to the basement and the basement stairs in case shelter from a tornado is needed.
3. The provider needs to test all smoke detectors monthly and keep a record for inspection purposes.
4. The provider needs to have updated annual exams for all pets in the home.
5. The provider needs to locate her Mandatory Reporter certificate and confirm that it has not expired.
6. The provider needs to have current physicals and immunization certificates for all children in care.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 11/15/2023 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

Heather can be reached at: 563-940-7971.

A referral to CCR&R and the CCNC was made of behalf of provider, on 11/2/2023.

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,
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Social Worker II

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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

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).