

10/06/2022

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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 10/06/2022. 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 110.8(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(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(4) Emergency Plans**

- 441 IAC 110.8(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 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"

**Findings:**

Per the compliance visit conducted by this worker on 10/6/2022 the following corrections described in the above policy sections need to be completed:

1. Each child in care needs to have their emergency numbers on paper and posted in a readily accessible place. These emergency numbers need to be in the vehicle used to transport children.
2. A smoke detector needs to be in the main room of the Child Development Home and all smoke detectors need to be tested each month and documented. There was a smoke detector beeping upstairs indicating it needs new batteries. Smoke detector needs to be installed within 5 days including change the batteries upstairs.
3. A DHS Physical Form needs to be completed for each pet in the home.
4. Your Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be updated.
5. A DHS Provider Physical needs to be completed for each household member 18 years or older by a medical professional described in the above policy section.
6. Each child in care needs to have an individual file containing specific demographic information, signed releases, and policies.

**Suggestions/Recommendations:**

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Heather Sheesley 515-360-7308) with the above corrections and any other compliance or training efforts.

**Corrective Action Required:**

The above corrections need to be completed by 12/6/2022 unless otherwise noted above and will be checked on your next compliance visit.



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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 515-601-9469/jaringd@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,  
Jake Aringdale

### **Social Worker II**

Sheila Aunspach

### **Social Work Supervisor**

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

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).