

**441—110.5 (237A) Standards.** The provider shall certify that the child development home meets the following standards and also the standards in either rule 441—110.8(237A), 441—110.9(237A), or 441—110.10(237A), specific to the category of home for which the provider requests registration.

**110.5(1) Health and safety.** Conditions in the home shall be safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

*a.* The home shall have a non-pay, working telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. If the working telephone is a mobile telephone, these numbers must be programmed and saved into the telephone. 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 readily accessible by the telephone. If the working telephone is a mobile telephone, these numbers must also be programmed and saved into the telephone.

*b.* All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.

*c.* 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.

*d.* 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.

*e.* Electrical wiring shall be maintained with all accessible electrical outlets safely capped and electrical cords properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous.

*f.* Combustible materials shall be kept away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers.

*g.* Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.

*h.* 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.

*i.* Annual laboratory analysis of a private water supply shall be conducted to show satisfactory bacteriological quality. When children under the age of two are to be cared for, the analysis shall include a nitrate analysis. When private water supplies are determined unsuitable for drinking, commercially bottled water or water treated through a process approved by the health department or designee shall be provided.

*j.* Emergency 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.

*k.* Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file.

*l.* A safety barrier shall surround any heating stove or heating element, in order to prevent burns.

*m.* 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.

*n.* 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.

*o.* 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](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)).

*p.* Children under the age of one year shall be placed on their backs when sleeping unless otherwise authorized in writing by a physician.

*q.* 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 and be issued a veterinary health certificate. This certificate shall verify that the animal's routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal is free of endoparasites (e.g., roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (e.g., 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. 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.

*r.* When there is a swimming or wading pool on the premises:

(1) A wading pool shall be drained daily and shall be inaccessible to children when it is not in use.

(2) An aboveground or in-ground swimming pool that is not fenced shall be covered whenever the pool is not in use. The cover shall meet or exceed the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(3) An uncovered aboveground swimming pool shall be enclosed with an approved fence that is four feet above the side walls.

(4) An uncovered in-ground swimming pool shall be enclosed with a fence that is at least four feet high and flush with the ground.

*s.* If children are allowed to use an aboveground or in-ground swimming pool:

(1) Written permission from parents shall be available for review.

(2) Equipment needed to rescue a child or adult shall be readily accessible.

(3) The child care provider shall accompany the children and provide constant supervision while the children use the pool.

(4) The child care provider shall complete training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for infants, toddlers, and children, according to the criteria of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

*t.* Homes served by private sewer systems shall be compliant with environmental protection commission rules on wastewater treatment and disposal systems at 567—Chapter 69. Compliance shall be verified by the local board of health within 12 months of renewal or new registration.

*u.* 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.

*v.* The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies.

*w.* The provider shall document all injuries that require first aid or medical care using an injury report form. The form shall be completed on the date of occurrence, shared with the parent, and maintained in the child's file.

x. A provider operating in a facility built before 1960 shall assess and control lead hazards before being issued an initial child development home registration or a renewal of the registration. To comply with this requirement, the provider shall:

- (1) Conduct a visual assessment of the facility for lead hazards that exist in the form of peeling or chipping paint;
- (2) Apply interim controls on any chipping or peeling paint found, using lead-safe work methods in accordance with and as defined by department of public health rules at 641—Chapters 69 and 70, unless a certified inspector as defined in 641—Chapter 70 determines that the paint is not lead-based paint; and
- (3) Submit Form 470-4755, Lead Assessment and Control, as verification of the visual assessment and completion of interim controls, if necessary.

EXCEPTION: Providers that have a valid registration on November 1, 2009, shall assess and control lead hazards by June 30, 2010.

**110.5(2)** Provider files. A provider file shall be maintained and shall contain the following:

a. A physician's signed statement that the provider and members of the provider's household are free of diseases or disabilities that would prevent good child care. This statement shall:

- (1) Be obtained at the time of the first registration and at least every two years thereafter on all members of the provider's household that may be present when children are in the home.
- (2) Include immunization or immune status for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, and polio. Providers may consult with their physician regarding recommendations for varicella, influenza, pneumonia, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B immunizations.

b. Certificates or other documentation verifying required training as set forth in subrule 110.5(11).

c. An individual file for each staff assistant that contains:

- (1) A completed Form 595-1396, DHS Criminal History Record Check.
- (2) A completed Form 470-0643, Request for Child Abuse Information.
- (3) A physician's signed statement that meets the requirements of paragraph 110.5(2) "a."
- (4) Certification of a minimum of two hours of approved training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse completed within six months of employment and every five years thereafter, as required by Iowa Code section 232.69.

d. An individual file for each substitute that contains:

- (1) A completed Form 595-1396, DHS Criminal History Record Check.
- (2) A completed Form 470-0643, Request for Child Abuse Information.
- (3) A physician's signed statement that meets the requirements of paragraph 110.5(2) "a."
- (4) Certification of a minimum of two hours of approved training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse completed within six months of employment and every five years thereafter, as required by Iowa Code section 232.69.
- (5) Certification in first aid that meets the requirements of subparagraph 110.5(2) "b"(2).

**110.5(3)** Activity program. There shall be an activity program which promotes self-esteem and exploration and includes:

- a. Active play.
- b. Quiet play.
- c. Activities for large muscle development.
- d. Activities for small muscle development.
- e. Play equipment and materials in a safe condition, for both indoor and outdoor activities which are developmentally appropriate for the ages and number of children present.

**110.5(4)** The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

**110.5(5)** Parental access. Parents shall be afforded unlimited access to their children and to the people caring for their children during the normal hours of operation or whenever their children are in the care of the child development home, unless parental contact is prohibited by court order.

**110.5(6)** Discipline. Discipline shall conform to the following standards:

- a.* Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking and slapping shall not be used.
- b.* Punishment which is humiliating or frightening or which causes pain or discomfort to the child shall not be used.
- c.* Punishment shall not be administered because of a child's illness, or progress or lack of progress in toilet training, nor shall punishment or threat of punishment be associated with food or rest.
- d.* No child shall be subjected to verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family.
- e.* Discipline shall be designed to help the child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for the rights of others.

**110.5(7)** Meals. Regular meals and midmorning and midafternoon snacks shall be provided which are well-balanced, nourishing, and in appropriate amounts as defined by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Children may bring food to the child development home for their own consumption, but shall not be required to provide their own food.

**110.5(8)** Children's files. An individual file shall be maintained for each child 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.* 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.

*f.* A list 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.

*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 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.

*i.* Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home. The permission shall include:

- (1) Times of departure and arrival.
- (2) Destination.

(3) Persons who will be responsible for the child.

*j.* Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care.

**110.5(9) Provider.** The provider shall meet the following requirements:

- a.* Give careful supervision at all times.
- b.* Exchange information with the parent of each child frequently to enhance the quality of care.
- c.* Give consistent, dependable care and be capable of handling emergencies.
- d.* Be present at all times except when emergencies occur or an absence is planned, at which time care shall be provided by a department-approved substitute. When an absence is planned, the provider shall give parents at least 24 hours' prior notice.

**110.5(10) Substitutes.** The provider shall assume responsibility for providing adequate and appropriate supervision at all times when children are in attendance. Any designated substitute shall have the same responsibility for providing adequate and appropriate supervision. Ultimate responsibility for supervision shall be with the provider.

*a.* All standards in this chapter regarding supervision and care of children shall apply to substitutes.

*b.* Except in emergency situations, the provider shall inform parents in advance of the planned use of a substitute.

*c.* The substitute must be 18 years of age or older.

*d.* Use of a substitute shall be limited to:

- (1) No more than 25 hours per month.
- (2) An additional period of up to two weeks in a 12-month period.

*e.* The provider shall maintain a written record of the number of hours substitute care is provided, including the date and the name of the substitute.

**110.5(11) Professional development.**

*a.* The provider shall receive two hours of Iowa's training for mandatory reporting of child abuse:

- (1) During the first three months of registration as a child development home; and
- (2) Every five years thereafter.

*b.* The provider shall obtain first-aid training within the first three months of registration as a child development home.

(1) First-aid training shall be provided by a nationally recognized training organization, such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, or Emergency Medical Planning (Medic First Aid) or by an equivalent trainer using curriculum approved by the department.

(2) First-aid training shall include certification in infant and child first aid that includes management of a blocked airway and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

(3) The provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating the date of first-aid training and the expiration date.

*c.* During the first year of registration, the provider shall receive a minimum of 12 hours of training from one or more of the following content areas. The provider shall receive at least 6 of these hours in a group setting as defined in subrule 110.5(12), and 2 of the hours must be from the content area in subparagraph 110.5(11)“c”(1). A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years.

(1) Planning a safe, healthy learning environment (includes nutrition).

(2) Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development.

(3) Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development (includes guidance and discipline).

(4) Strategies to establish productive relationships with families (includes communication skills and cross-cultural competence).

- (5) Strategies to manage an effective program operation (includes business practices).
- (6) Maintaining a commitment to professionalism.
- (7) Observing and recording children's behavior.
- (8) Principles of child growth and development.

*d.* During the second year of registration and each succeeding year, the provider shall receive a minimum of 12 hours of training from one or more of the content areas as defined in paragraph "c." The provider shall receive at least 6 of these hours in a group setting as defined in subrule 110.5(12). The provider may receive the remaining hours in self-study as defined in subrule 110.5(13). A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years.

*e.* 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.

**110.5(12)** Group training. Training received in a group setting is not self-study, but is training received with other adults.

*a.* The training must be conducted by a trainer who is employed by or under contract with one of the following entities or who uses curriculum or training materials developed by or obtained with the written permission of one of the following entities:

- (1) An accredited university or college.
- (2) A community college.
- (3) Iowa State University Extension.
- (4) A child care resource and referral agency.
- (5) An area education agency.
- (6) The regents' center for early developmental education at the University of Northern Iowa.
- (7) A hospital (for health and safety, first-aid, and CPR training).
- (8) The American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, or Medic First Aid (for first-aid and CPR training).
- (9) An Iowa professional association, including the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (Iowa AEYC), the Iowa Family Child Care Association (IFCCA), the Iowa After School Alliance, and the Iowa Head Start Association.
- (10) A national professional association, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Child Care Association (NCCA), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), the National After School Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- (11) The Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).
- (12) The Iowa department of public health, department of education, or department of human services.
- (13) Head Start agencies or the Head Start technical assistance system.

*b.* Training received in a group setting must follow a presentation format that incorporates a variety of adult learning methods. The material or content of the training must be obtained from one of the entities listed in paragraph "a" or an entity approved under paragraph "g." Approved training shall be made available to Iowa child care providers through the child care provider training registry beginning July 1, 2009.

*c.* Training received in a group setting may include distance learning opportunities such as training conducted over the Iowa communications network, on-line courses, or Web conferencing (webinars) if:

- (1) The training meets the requirements in subrule 110.5(14);
- (2) The training is taught by an instructor and requires interaction between the instructor and the participants, such as required chats or message boards; and

(3) The training organization meets the requirements listed in this subrule or is approved by the department.

*d.* The department will not approve more than eight hours of training delivered in a single day.

*e.* The department may randomly monitor any state-approved training for quality control purposes.

*f.* Training conducted with staff either during the hours of operation of the facility, staff lunch hours, or while children are resting must not diminish the required staff ratio coverage. Staff shall not be actively engaged in care and supervision and simultaneously participate in training.

*g.* A training organization not approved by the department may submit training for approval to the department on Form 470-4528, Request for Child Care Training Approval. All approvals, unless otherwise specified, shall be valid for five years. The department shall issue its decision within 30 business days of receipt of a complete request.

**110.5(13)** Self-study training. Up to six hours of training may be received in self-study using a training package approved by the department.

*a.* Self-study training packages approved by the department include curriculum developed and materials distributed by:

- (1) Department child care licensing consultants,
- (2) Iowa State University Extension, or
- (3) A child care resource and referral agency.

*b.* Self-study training materials not distributed by these entities may be submitted by the training organization to the department for approval on Form 470-4528, Request for Child Care Training Approval. All approvals, unless otherwise specified, shall be valid for five years. The department shall issue its decision within 30 business days of receipt of a complete request.

**110.5(14)** Approved training. Training provided to Iowa child care providers shall offer:

*a.* Instruction that is consistent with:

- (1) Iowa child care regulatory standards;
- (2) The Iowa early learning standards; and
- (3) The philosophy of developmentally appropriate practice as defined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Program for Infant/Toddler Care, and the National Health and Safety Performance Standards.

*b.* Content equal to at least one contact hour of training.

*c.* An opportunity for ongoing interaction and timely feedback, including questions and answers within the contact hours if training is delivered in a group setting.

*d.* A certificate of training for each participant that includes:

- (1) The name of the participant.
- (2) The title of the training.
- (3) The dates of training.
- (4) The content area addressed.
- (5) The name of the training organization.
- (6) The name of the instructor.
- (7) The number of contact hours.
- (8) An indication of whether the training was delivered through self-study or in a group setting.