

Information requested by the Home-Based Child Care Interim Committee

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What is the crosswalk under QRS and child development home categories for home size capacity and the provider qualifications?

In looking at child development home (CDH) categories and the QRS:

There are not different criteria for child development homes based on their QRS category.

CDH categories are based on the provider's qualifications and relate to the number of children allowed in care - not items that would affect how they would qualify for QRS.

QRS does not have different criteria for centers based on the number of children in care, number of employees, or staff qualifications.

The only difference is for Category C homes. QRS requires both providers to be ChildNet certified, complete a professional development self-assessment, and write a professional development plan. In terms of the professional development point, the two providers are treated just like centers and QRS does give credit for whichever provider earns more points.

Are pets/dogs allowed in Child Development Homes?

Pets are allowed. But must meet the following regulations (441-100.5 (237A)):

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.