

Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers & Family Day Care Homes

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MEMORANDUM

To: Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes

From: Patsy Buker, Executive Director
Kathy Krause, Supervisor

Date: October 7, 2010

Subject: Final Agency Action on Increased Standards Effective December 1, 2010

The Pinellas County License Board approved the following two **increases** at the October 6, 2010 Board meeting. They will become effective on December 1, 2010.

II. Records

A. Facility Records

8. Medication

g. In the event of an emergency, non-prescription medication that is not brought in by the custodial parent or legal guardian can be dispensed only if the facility has written authorization from the custodial parent or legal guardian and with medical personnel direction.

Any medication dispensed under these conditions must be documented in the child's file, and the custodial parent or legal guardian must be notified on the day of occurrence.

Implementation Date: December 1, 2010

How to maintain compliance: Obtain parental/legal guardian permission to administer non-prescription medication in the event of an emergency, and if directed to do so by medical personnel. Keep the permission in the child's file. If an emergency occurs, contact medical personnel to determine what medication should be given and at what dose. Document the child's name, the medication given, the amount given and who directed you to administer the medication. Document that you called the parent to notify them that the medication was administered on the same form. Have the parent/legal guardian sign and date the document, indicating notification on the date of occurrence. Maintain this documentation as you would any information regarding the dispensing of medication and have it available for review by your licensing specialist

IV. PHYSICAL PLANT HOUSING FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

E. Rules for Pools Located At Family Child Care Homes and Large Homes

If a family child care home has a swimming pool, it shall be maintained by using chlorine or other suitable chemicals, so that the bottom of the pool is clearly visible.

Implementation Date: December 1, 2010

How to maintain compliance: Ensure that at all times the bottom of the pool is visible. There is usually a drain or grate at the bottom of a pool that can help you determine the visibility. The water should not be cloudy or discolored in any way. As an example, if a rock is dropped into the pool, the rock must be visible at the bottom of the pool.

Following are the **decreases** that were approved at the October 6, 2010 Board meeting and become effective on October 6, 2010.

The Definition of a Family Child Care Home

A family day care home means an occupied place of residence of a family, person, or persons who regularly provide child care and training for children from at least two (2) unrelated households, with or without compensation, for no more than five (5) children at any given time under thirteen (13) years of age who are not related to such person or persons by blood, marriage, or adoption. This includes preschool household members whether present or not and children under 13 years of age who are in the operator's care and do not reside in the family day care home. Of those five (5) children, no more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under two (2) years of age, or no more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under 18 months of age if the provider has proof of completion of an approved training course. A family day care home shall provide child care for a period less than 24 hours per day per child.

When 3 children in care are under one year old, the provider may have no more than 6 children total including household children under 13 years old who are present.

When 2 children in care are under one year old, the provider may have no more than 10 children total including household children under 13 years old who are present.

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The number of children in a family child care home at any given time is limited to the maximums set forth herein. Preschool household members, whether present or not, and children under 13 years of age who are in the operator's care and do not reside in the family child care home, are counted in the license capacity.

The license capacity of a family child care home is limited to five (5) children in care. No more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under the age of 2, or with approved training, no more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under 18 months of age.

Implementation Date: October 6, 2010

How to maintain compliance: The phrase, "children of any age" was changed to "children under the age of 13 years". Therefore, household children 13 years or older will not count in the ratio.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact our office at (727) 507-4857.