

2006 Legislative Changes for Child Care

Child Care Training and Professional Development

- Increases annual training hours required for licensed family child care providers from 6 to 8 hours.
- Requires that all new family child care providers complete 2 hours of training covering basic early childhood development within their first year of providing care, unless they possess extensive previous early childhood development training. These 2 hours will count towards the annual 8 hours of required training.
- Exemption for CPR and first aid training for family child care providers employed as substitutes for less than 30 hours during a 12-month period. (Effective 5/17/06)
 - Allows video training of first aid and CPR for family child care providers, **IF** approved by the licensing agency. *Currently, Dakota County has not approved video training for CPR.* (Effective 5/17/06)
- Child Car Seat Restraint Training: Exempts child care providers who transport children only in buses from car seat restraint training.

Family Child Care Exception for Notification of Variance or Set-Aside

Provides an exception for notification of a variance or set-aside to family child care licensed providers when the subject of the variance or set-aside is a minor (under age 18) who has committed a misdemeanor level theft crime.

Crib Safety Clarifications

Allows child care providers to use mesh-sided cribs, including use for infants, which have not been identified as unsafe by the U.S. Product Consumer Safety Commission.

* NO LONGER REQUIRED TO HAVE A VARIANCE ON FILE FOR MESH PLAYPENS/PACK-N-PLAYS.

Syrup of Ipecac

Effective May 15, 2006, the Ipecac Syrup requirement has been removed from the child care Rule.

* NO LONGER REQUIRED TO HAVE A VARIANCE ON FILE FOR IPECAC.