

NOTICE TO DAY CARE HOME PROVIDERS

Proposed Amendments to Day Care Home Rules

Comment Period Extended to February 16, 2016

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Following are summaries of the proposed amendments to the licensing standards for day care homes:

In Rule 406 and Rule 408:

- **SIDS, SUID, Safe Sleep and Shaken Baby Syndrome Training** – Proposed language will clarify that these training requirements for new applicants are also required at renewal time (every 3rd year) for homes licensed to care for infants.
- **Emergency Preparedness Plan** – The need for an emergency preparedness plan will be clarified. In the event of an evacuation, providers will be required to notify parents; explain how parents will be reunited with their children; and provide procedures for evacuating children 30 months of age or less and special needs children.
- **Swimming Pools** – The use of swimming pools will be prohibited during hours of child care unless the provider has a license issued by DPH to operate the swimming pool.
- **“No Firearms” Signage** – A sign prohibiting bringing firearms into the home must be posted.
- **High School Diploma** – Language is being proposed to comport with P.A. 98-0817, which allows a college or vocational school diploma in lieu of the high school diploma requirement.

In Rule 406 only:

- **Other Employment** – Caregivers will not be allowed to work outside the home during hours for which the day care home is licensed.
- **Operable Telephone** – The current operable telephone provision will be moved to an earlier place in its Section for clarity.

COMMENTS AND COPIES OF PROPOSED CHANGES

On July 31, 2015, the Secretary of State published the proposed changes in Volume 39, Issue 31, of the Illinois Register, copies of which are available in local libraries and on the Secretary of State’s website at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/register_volume39_issue31.pdf

Copies are also available at the DCFS website at:

http://www.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Pages/pr_policy_rulemaking.aspx

or may be requested from, and comments may be sent to, the Office of Child and Family Policy at:

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