What’s New in Child Care Regulation
Objectives

- Identify Federal and State law changes
- Identify Community Partners
- Identify new rule language
- Address any new procedures needed to maintain the new standards.
Chapter 65C-20, Florida Administrative Code Changes and New Look
The Department repealed language from the rule and incorporated a handbook of standards written in plain language and organized by topic areas to make it more user friendly.

Language was added to address school readiness standards, background screening requirements and national child care standards, as well as, necessary updates to keep the rule current.
65C-20, F.A.C.
Family Day Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Standards

- 65C-20.008(2)-(4) Application
- 65C-20.008(6) Handbook
- 65C-20.008(7) Incorporated Documents
- 65C-20.012 Enforcement
65C-20.008(2)-(4) Application

- Includes license information for Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes.
Family Day Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Handbook

1 General Information
   - All sections of the handbook are requirements for family day care homes and large family child care homes. Where there are specific requirements outlined under a Large Family Child Care Home heading, those requirements are specific to programs operating as a large family child care home only.
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1.2 Definitions

- Age Appropriate
- Continuing Education Unit (CEU)
- Direct Supervision
- Field Trip
- International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET)
- Nationally Affiliated Member Based State Professional Organization
- Serious Injury
2.3 Child Discipline

- Providers must have discipline and expulsion policies.
- Discipline policy must include preventative practices and intervention procedures.
- Prohibited discipline techniques are outlined in detail.
2.4 Transportation
   2.4.2 Transportation Log
   • Extremely important providers are using this log properly.
   • Now must include any field trips on foot.
   • Retained for 12 months.
2.4 Transportation
  2.4.3 Emergency Care Plans
  * Personnel must have possession of emergency contact information while away from the home.
  * Personnel must have emergency care plans and supplies for chronic medical conditions available during transport as well as be trained to recognize and respond appropriately to a medical emergency.
2.4 Transportation continued

2.4.4 Vehicle Requirements

- Interior of vehicle must be maintained at a temperature comfortable to children.
- Must meet age requirements for seating and if transporting children using wheelchairs must meet specific safety requirements for them.

2.4.5 Seat Belt/Child Restraints

- Child safety restraints must be replaced if:
  - Recalled
  - Past manufacturer’s “date of use” expiration
  - Involved in a crash that meets certain criteria
2.5 Planned Activities

- Scheduled activities must include a variety of activities that range from structured to unstructured.
- No electronic media for children under age of 2. Children 2 and older no more than 1 to 2 hours per day of electronic media.
- Program practices must promote consistency and continuity of care.
3.2 Substitute

- Substitute’s hours must be documented.
- Operator must sign a statement attesting to the number of hours worked and maintain it in the substitute’s personnel file for 12 months.
4.1 Initial Screening

- Outlines the background screening process used since July 2016.
- Does not include latest development with the National Fingerprint File.
4.3 Background Screening Documents

- Written documentation of volunteer hours must be maintained at the home.
- Child Care Attestation of Good Moral Character
5 Staff Training

- 5.1.1: Operators and Substitutes
  - By October 25, 2019 all large home employees must have current First Aid and pediatric CPR training.

- 5.2.1: Safe Sleep/Shaken Baby Syndrome
  - Health Safety and Nutrition, Safe Sleep or ELFL Safe Sleep Practices

- 5.2.2 Fire Extinguisher
5 Staff Training

5.4.1 LFCCH Operators

- Part II of 40 hour training: Special Needs Appropriate Practices or Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices and one age specific appropriate practice course.
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6 Supervision

- Children must never be left inside or outside the home, in a vehicle, or at a field trip location by themselves.
- Children napping or sleeping must be supervised by sound and frequent visual checks.
- Children must receive supervision as required by their age when toileting and bathing. No safety strap or harness on the diaper changing table.
6 Supervision continued

◦ No propped bottles.
◦ Never left unattended on a table or countertop.
◦ During water play activities, the supervising adult must be within an arm’s length providing “touch supervision”.
◦ Children must be supervised appropriately for their age to monitor the size of food and that the children are eating accordingly.
6 Supervision continued

- A program is responsible for the supervision of a child until an authorized individual retrieves the child from the program. Verified by photo identification.

- Each child transported must be dropped at the designated location as agreed upon by the provider and the custodial parent/legal guardian and released to an authorized individual.
7 Health and Safety Requirements

- Indoor and outdoor play areas must be inspected daily before use for basic health and safety.
- Guardrails or protective barriers where there is more than a 30 inch vertical distance.
- Electrical devices accessible to children must not be located near water.
- Carbon monoxide detectors must be tested and maintained.
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- **7.1 Animal Vaccination**
  - Poisonous and/or aggressive animals are prohibited.

- **7.2 Toxic Substances, Hazardous Materials and Poisonous Items**
  - Clarifying language for cleaning in rooms occupied by children.

- **7.3 Smoking on Premises**
  - Smoking is prohibited, including e-cigarettes.
  - Smoking is prohibited in all outdoor areas, including field trips, while children are in care.
7.5 Indoor Play Areas

- Strangulation hazards must not be accessible to children.
- Bath tubs, buckets, diaper pails and other open containers of water must be emptied immediately after use.
- Outlet covers required.
7.6 Outdoor Time, Fencing and Play Areas Requirements

- Any open containers with water must be emptied immediately after use.
- Must have at least 2 exits with one being remote from the building.
- Maintenance checks of playground equipment and documentation retained for 12 months.
- All permanent/anchored equipment must be placed over shock absorbing material.
7.7 Swimming Pools

- No wading pools
- All pools must have drain covers in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.
- Pools more than 6 feet in width, length or diameter must have a ring buoy and rope, a rescue tube, or a throwing line and a shepherd’s hook. Personnel must be trained on proper use of this equipment.
7.8 Appropriate, Safe and Sanitary Bedding

- All bedding and linens must be cleaned and sanitized before use by another child.
- Operator must have written plan for safe sleep practices.
- Cribs or playpens/play yards must have tight fitting sheets and no excess bedding. Includes but not limited to: bumper pads, hanging mobiles, quilts, comforters, pillows, stuffed animals, and cushions.
7.8 Appropriate, Safe and Sanitary Bedding continued

- Cribs or playpens/play yards must meet the regulations as outlined in Title 16, Parts 1219, 1220 & 1221 Code of Federal Regulations.

- Documentation for an alternate sleeping position must include child’s name and date of birth, description of sleep position, and the length of time authorization is valid.

- Cannot have any strangulation or suffocation hazards in or around cribs or playpens/play yards. Must be placed away from window treatments.
7.9 Vermin/Pest Control

- Cannot take place in rooms occupied by children.
- Home must have an integrated pest management program.
7.10 Toys, Furnishings, Equipment and Plumbing

- Providers should monitor the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommendations for use of equipment.
- Providers must follow a routine schedule of cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting toys, equipment and furnishings.
- Items exposed to bodily fluids, such as saliva, must be cleaned, sanitized or disinfected immediately or prior to another child’s use.
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7.13 Food Preparation/Storage

- Poisonous/toxic chemicals stored separately from food.
- Food containers stored above the floor.
- Open packages of food must be properly covered/sealed to prevent contamination.
- Food preparation area must be clean.
7.13 Food Preparation/Storage continued

- Refrigerators/freezers must have accurate alcohol thermometers.
- Refrigerators must be 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- Freezers must be 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- Food provided by parents must be properly stored and handled to prevent contamination or spoilage.
7.14 Food and Nutrition

- Clean and sanitary drinking water must be accessible indoors and outdoors throughout the day.
- On hot days, bottle fed infants may be given additional breastmilk or formula mixed with water provided by their parent/legal guardian. Infants should not be given plain water in the first six months of life unless directed to by the child’s physician.
7.14 Food and Nutrition continued

- Foods that associated with young children’s choking incidents must not be served to children under 4 years of age.
- Solid foods, including cereal, may not be given in bottles or with infant feeders unless authorized by a physician.
- Solid foods may not be fed to an infant younger than 4 months unless authorized by a physician.
7.14 Food and Nutrition continued

- Bottles must be refrigerated immediately and used within 48 hours.
- A bottle may only be warmed once.
- Bottles must not be heated in a microwave.
- Heated bottles and food must be tested prior to feeding.
- Unused breastmilk must be discarded within one hour after feeding OR it may be returned to the parent in the bottle or container provided by parent.
7.14 Food and Nutrition continued

- Formula must be handled according to manufacturer’s instructions. If instructions are not readily available, child care personnel must obtain information from the World Health Organization’s Safe Preparation, Storage and Handling of Powdered Infant Formula Guidelines.

7.14 Food and Nutrition continued

- Providers must develop and follow procedures for the storage and preparation of expressed milk as outlined by the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine Protocol. Cannot give formula to a breastfed infant without parental consent.

- ABM Clinical Protocol #8 Human Milk Storage, Revised 2017

- [www.bfmed.org](http://www.bfmed.org)
7.16 Hand Hygiene

- Situations or times that children and staff must perform handwashing procedures must be posted in all food preparation, diapering and toileting areas.
- Must abide by the Center for Disease Control guidelines for handwashing.
7.19 First Aid Kit

- Kits must be restocked after each use.
- Updated the list of items to be included.
7.20 Emergency Procedures and Notification

- Operator must have a written plan for reporting and managing any incident that is threatening to the health, safety or welfare of the children staff or volunteers to the licensing authority.
  - 1. Lost or missing child;
  - 2. Suspected maltreatment of a child;
  - 3. Injuries or illness requiring hospitalization or emergency treatment;
  - 4. Death of child or staff member;
  - 5. Presence of a threatening individual who attempts or succeeds in gaining entrance to the home.
7.21 Fire Drills

- Current attendance record must be used to account for all children.
- Fire drills must be retained for 2 years.
7.22 Emergency Preparedness

- Evacuation and relocation added to match SR requirements.
- The plan must include how the home will notify and update parents in the event of an emergency.
- A current attendance record/classroom roster must accompany staff during the drill or actual emergency to account for all children. Must use the daily roster to account for children at the safe space after exit and upon return to the program. (This includes fire drills.)
7.23 Communicable Disease Control

If the health department or health care professional suspects:

- a child or staff member is contributing to the transmission of an illness,
- is not adequately immunized during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease
- Or the circulating pathogen poses an increased risk to the individual.

The child or child care personnel may not return to the facility until the health department determines the risk of transmission is no longer present.
7.23 Communicable Disease Control continued

- Operators must have a written plan regarding safety precautions in the event there is exposure to blood and potentially infectious fluids.
7.24 Medication

- Prescription and non-prescription medication used on “as needed” basis must have additional documentation to describe symptoms that would require the medication to be given from the custodial parent or legal guardian.
- Prescription medication must also include contact information for the physician.
- Medication must be maintained at appropriate temperature.
7.24 Medication continued

- Prior to administering medication, the employee in a large family child care home must complete training.
- Sun Safety
- Sunscreen, diaper cream, insect repellent require written permission from parents/guardians and manufacturer instructions must be followed.
8.1 Health/Immunization Records

- No immunizations prior to enrollment and no documented exemption from immunizations requires documentation of a scheduled appointment to receive immunization.
- Recommendation for staff to be immunized.
8.2 Student Health Records

- Any child with an increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and require additional services must have a current Emergency Care Plan in their file.
- Child care personnel must be trained to recognize and respond appropriately to a medical emergency.
8.3 Enrollment Information

- Enrollment information must include, in writing, permission for the facility to release the child to any person authorized, or in the manner authorized by the custodial parent/legal guardian.

- Enrollment must include parent/guardian consent for child care personnel to have access to child’s records.
8.4 Daily Attendance
- Must have a daily attendance record for the children.
- Providers must contact parents/guardians within one hour of the normal drop off time to verify the child’s absence.

9.1 Access
- Operator or substitute must not interfere with or prevent licensing from copying records, photographing or recording a location or activity on the premises as documentation for the inspection.
9.2 Child Safety

- Child Care Personnel must appropriately interact with children to foster a healthy, safe environment that will encourage the child’s physical, intellectual, motor, and social development. Interactions with children that are aggressive, demeaning or intimidating in nature are strictly prohibited.
65C-20.008(7) Incorporated documents

- In-Service Training Record
- Selecting a Family Day Care Home Provider brochure

- All other forms are incorporated by reference in 65C-22.001(7), F.A.C.
65C-20.012 Enforcement

- Definition of Technical Assistance
- Family Day Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Classification Summaries
- Reconciliation of 2009 and 2017 Family Day Care Home Classification Summaries
65C-20.012 Enforcement

- Chapter 120, Florida Statutes used in accordance with:
  - Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a License or Registration
  - License or Registration converted to Probation Status
  - Administrative Fine

- Imposition of a fine shall be accomplished through an administrative complaint.

- Denial of license/registration or conversion to probationary status shall be accomplished through an administrative complaint or notice of intent to deny a pending renewal application.
Questions??