



STATE OF IOWA

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

March 17, 2010

Re: Lead Rules Update

Dear Child Development Home Provider,

This letter is to inform you that Iowa Department of Public Health rules have gone into effect that require notification to parents/guardians whenever work is being done with more than one square foot of paint (several smaller areas may add up to more than one square foot) in a child development home built prior to 1978. Paint in these homes is presumed to be lead-based unless a certified lead inspector/risk assessor verifies that it is not lead-based paint.

If you are doing work such as sanding, scraping, or removing more than one square foot of paint in your pre-1978 child development home:

- Parents need to be given written notice that lead-based paint could be disturbed.
- You do not need to provide notice if you are simply painting over old paint without doing prep work, such as sanding and scraping.
- IDPH will be providing further guidance regarding what information specifically needs to be in the written notice.
- IDPH has stated that the written notice may be posted in a conspicuous place, rather than given to each parent/guardian. It is not acceptable for a note to go home with the child, as the note may not reach the parent

Also, effective April 22, 2010, IDPH rules will require anybody who disturbs more than one square foot of paint in a pre-1978 child development home to be trained and certified. IDPH will provide further details about the training certification process in the coming months.

You may call the IDPH Lead Poisoning Prevention Bureau at 1-800- 972-2026 if you have further questions about the IDPH lead rules described above. Also, please check the IDPH Bureau of Lead Poisoning Prevention web site at:

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/lead_poisoning_prevention.asp#regulations for the most current information on the notification requirement and the certification requirement.

DHS rules regarding documenting and reporting that you have checked for and fixed lead-based paint hazards in your pre-1960 child development home went into effect on November 1, 2009. Information about the requirements may be found in the revised Child Development Home Registration Guidelines Comm. 143. This manual is located on the DHS website at:

http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/comm143.pdf.

You may contact your Child Care Resource and Referral agency if you wish to view the DVD of the September 2009 lead training ICN. CCR&R agency contact information is located at

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/LicensingRegs/CCProviderMap.html

The child care portion of the DHS website also has a "Q and A" document about the lead rules as they pertain to pre-1960 child development homes. This document provides general information about how to comply with the rule. It is found at

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/docs/10.26 %20Lead_Paint_QA.pdf

Sincerely,



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