

BASIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION ASSURANCES  
FOR UNLICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THE  
CHILD CARE PAYMENT PROGRAM

Health and Safety

1. Providers and their staff must be in good health, mentally and physically capable of caring for children. Providers must be certified in Infant & Child Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and basic First Aid. Other persons in the home must be free of any infectious disease.
2. A current Mississippi Department of Health Form 121 must be kept onsite for all providers and children at all times.
3. Sick children and children with contagious conditions must be isolated and returned home as soon as possible. Provider(s) must report infectious disease to the local Health Department. Children should be checked each morning upon arrival for contagious or infectious disease and not admitted if ill.
4. All medications, cleaning agents, poisons, and pesticides must be kept out of the reach of children.
5. Diapers shall be changed upon soiling. No child(ren) should remain in wet or dirty diapers. All providers must wash hands before and after diapering children.
6. Garbage and/or trash must be removed from the home regularly and from the grounds at least once a week. Garbage should be kept in a closed container and out of reach of children.
7. The home must have running hot and cold water, clean toilets, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit. A box of baking soda must be kept in the kitchen to help extinguish small grease fires. The home must be kept clean and free of dangerous conditions and all heat sources shielded, and all electrical outlets protected by safety coverings. The home must have a working telephone.
8. There must be clean individual beds, cots, mattresses, or pads provided for each child to use for naps. Linens should be washed and kept clean.
9. No smoking, tobacco use, illegal drug use; including but not limited to cocaine, crack, LSD, marijuana, and/or alcohol, is allowed when children are present. All weapons; including but not limited to guns, arrows, hunting knives etc., on the property should be contained in locked storage and secured from children.
10. Babies must be held while feeding. At no time should infants be propped with a bottle.
11. Children need to be treated with respect, love, and kindness. Smile and talk to children often in normal tones. Encourage and reward good behavior. Harsh tones of voice and humiliation are not to be used with children.
12. No form of corporal or harsh punishment including yelling, slapping or spanking, or total isolation shall be used as discipline measures.
13. Children must be placed in age appropriate vehicle safety restraints when riding in ANY vehicle. The driver MUST have a valid driver's license.
14. All children must be supervised by an adult of 18 years or more at all times.
15. Any food/formula that is brought in by the parent to the provider must be stored in the refrigerator and nutritious meals and snacks should be prepared and served daily, using a variety of foods selected from nutritional guidelines that meet the daily needs of all ages served. Also, providers should avoid using foods that cause allergies, as noted by the parent.
16. I certify that I have not been convicted of a felony, nor has my name been placed on the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry. I understand that a Form 107 must be complete and updated in order to be an approved provider.
17. I certify that I will never exceed the number of children allowed for care at any time.
18. Parents and must have unlimited access to their child while under my care.
19. All representatives of MDHS must be afforded unlimited access to all records and reports required by representatives of MDHS.
20. I agree to fully cooperate with on-site monitoring visits.
21. I understand that failure to comply with these conditions can result in my debarment from the Child Care Payment Program.

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Signature of Provider

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Date