

SECTION FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IN REGULATED CHILD CARE SETTINGS

Missouri Law: Section 210.221.1(3), RSMo states, “The department of health and senior services shall have the following powers and duties.....To promulgate and issue rules and regulations the department deems necessary or proper in order to establish standards of service and care to be rendered by such licensees to children.”

Rule:

Family Child Care Homes – 19 CSR 30-61.125

Group Homes and Centers – 19 CSR 30-62.122

License-Exempt Child Care Facilities - 19 CSR 30-60.060



Individuals working in the child care facility during child care hours are required to be in good physical and emotional health with no physical or mental conditions which interfere with their child care duties. The completion of the medical examination report for caregivers and volunteers is critical for

supporting health, safety and well-being of the children in care. Child care providers should have a routine process for updating and verifying record information. A complete record on each staff person employed at the facility is a sound administrative practice. Your Child Care Facility Specialist will check the records to assure that licensing requirements are met.

Often times in the child care setting; there are issues with the health/ medical information, which results in a rule violation. The most frequent violations result from the following:

- Missing or incomplete caregiver and/or volunteer medical examination reports;
- Missing or incomplete Tuberculosis Risk Assessment forms for caregivers and/or volunteers; and
- Missing or incomplete child medical information.

Rationale:

Maintaining complete records is essential for meeting needs of both caregivers and children, and increases the facility’s ability to respond to emergencies appropriately. Promoting the health and safety of individual children requires keeping records of each child in care. A medical examination report is the basis for meeting the needs of a child in a child care setting. Facilities have 30 days to obtain child and/or staff medical examination reports. Providers should have procedures in place for obtaining, reviewing and updating both caregiver and child medical information. Providers are encouraged to contact their Child Care Facility Specialist if they have questions about licensing requirements.