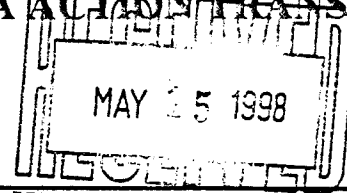




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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
PURCHASE OF CARE ADMINISTRATORS
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS/ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: LINDA HEISNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CCA
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**RE: AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH FORMS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE AND
EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES**

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: PURCHASE OF CARE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OPD / CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY:

Federal Regulations under the Child Care & Development Fund require States to provide comprehensive consumer education material to customers to increase the level of understanding about the features and importance of quality regulated child care. In Maryland one method the Child Care Administration uses to comply with this requirement is through the distribution of the educational brochure "Making The Difference For Your Child: Choosing Regulated Care in Maryland." The brochure is available in English and Spanish and provides customers with tips on selecting and locating a regulated provider.

Additionally, a Purchase of Care (POC) workgroup consisting of representatives from local departments of social services, child care providers, advocates and others has been meeting since July to examine POC income guidelines and other programmatic issues. At the last meeting, it was suggested that local departments give out the health forms that a parent will need to enroll a child in regulated child care. The local department representatives and providers that were present at the meeting felt this would be helpful in giving customers time to have the forms completed before enrolling their children.

The Child Care Administration (CCA) conducted surveys of local departments to determine the number of health forms, and brochures needed (English and Spanish). Local departments that choose to place an initial order or to continue to provide these forms and brochures after the initial supply is exhausted may do so by contacting Donna Wiltshire, Chief Administrative Services in CCA. Her number is (410) 767-7799.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. The following health forms should be given to customers, who choose regulated or licensed care, during the initial interview:
 - a. Emergency Card DHR/CCA 1214,
 - b. Emergency Care Plan DHR/CCA 1280,
 - c. Health Inventory DHR/CCA 1215,
 - d. Maryland Immunization Certificate Form,
 - e. Lead Paint Screening - Health Inventory Addendum

2. During the initial application for POC case managers should give every POC applicant a copy of "Making the Difference For Your Child: Choosing Regulated Care in Maryland" and note the distribution on the case summary sheet.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately.

Questions may be directed to Pamela Evans at (410) 767-7845 of the Child Care Administration.

cc: Lynda G. Fox
FIA Assistant Directors
POC Administrators

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Child Care Administration

HEALTH INVENTORY

CHILD'S PERSONAL RECORD FOR
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ADDENDUM

Under Maryland law, a child under six years of age who is admitted to child care must have appropriate screening for lead poisoning. Parents or guardians must submit evidence of this screening to the child care provider within 30 days of admission to care.

To be completed by a HEALTH PRACTITIONER

_____ CHILD'S NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

has received appropriate screening and/or testing for lead poisoning.

_____ Signature of Health Practitioner _____ Date _____

_____ Address _____ Phone _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

_____ Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

_____ Address _____ Phone _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Name of: _____
(Child Care Center, Family Child Care Home, School)

Address: _____
Street

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ATTENTION: _____

CHILD'S NAME _____
 LAST FIRST MI
 SEX: MALE FEMALE BIRTHDATE _____
 MO. DAY YR.
 COUNTY _____ SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____
 PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

RECORD OF IMMUNIZATION

Dose #	VACCINE TYPE					Dose #	VACCINE TYPE			
	DTP-1** MO/DAY/YR	DTP-2** MO/DAY/YR	Polio MO/DAY/YR	IPV MO/DAY/YR	MM-2 MO/DAY/YR		M-M-R MO/DAY/YR	MEASLES** MO/DAY/YR	RUBELLA** MO/DAY/YR	M/M/J MO/DAY/YR
1						1				
2						2				
3						Dose #	Vaccine** MO/DAY/YR	OTHER VAX MO/DAY/YR	OTHER VAX MO/DAY/YR	OTHER MO/DAY/YR
4						1				
5						2				

* Blood test verification of immunity and dose may be entered in line of vaccination date

** Blood test verification of immunity of childhood disease dose may be entered in line of vaccination date.

PHYSICIAN,
HEALTH OFFICIAL,
SCHOOL OFFICIAL,
OR DAY CARE PROVIDER

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE,
THE VACCINES LISTED ABOVE WERE
ADMINISTERED AS INDICATED.

Signed _____
 Title _____
 Date _____
 (Parent signature not valid)

LOST OR DESTROYED RECORDS: (Must Be Reviewed and Approved by Local Health Department.)

I hereby certify that the immunization records of this child have been lost, destroyed or are unobtainable.

Signed _____ Date _____
 Parent or Guardian

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM IMMUNIZATION ON MEDICAL RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. ANY IMMUNIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE.

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION:

The physical condition of the above pupil is such that immunization at this time would constitute a serious threat to his/her health.
 This is a permanent condition temporary condition until _____
 MO/DAY/YR

Check appropriate box, indicate vaccine(s) and reasons: _____

Signed _____ Date _____
 Physician or Health Official

RELIGIOUS OBJECTION:

to the parent/guardian of the child identified above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any immunization given to my child.

Signed _____ Date _____
 Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The following excerpt from the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04 applies to schools.

A school principal or other person in charge of a school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to, or student in 1) preschool program unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against *Haemophilus influenzae* type b; 2) preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student has furnished proof of appropriate immunity against pertussis; and 3) preschool program through the twelfth grade unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against tetanus, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella.

Immunization requirements for licensed child care centers (COMAR 07.04.02) and family day care homes (COMAR 07.04.01) based on the Maryland DHMH recommended immunization schedule. (Exception: See notes 11 and 12, below)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE (Recommended Immunization Schedule)

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

<u>Age</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>
Birth	HBV
2 mos.	DTaP, Polio, Hib, HBV
4 mos.	DTaP, Polio, Hib
6 mos.	DTaP, Hib, HBV
12 mos.	MMR #1, Polio, Varicella
15 mos.	Hib, DTaP
4-6 yrs.	Polio, MMR #2, DTaP
12 yrs.	MMR #2, (if not given earlier)

ABBREVIATIONS

DTaP	- Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids with acellular pertussis vaccine
Polio	- Polio vaccine, oral or injectable
MMR	- Measles, mumps, and rubella combined vaccine
Hib	- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b vaccine (Vaccine schedule may vary depending on the manufacturer)
HBV	- Hepatitis B vaccine
Varicella	- Chickenpox vaccine

COMPLIANCE FOR SCHOOL AND DAY CARE ADMISSION

The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates directly on this form and certify them by signing or stamping the signature section, OR, a different medical provider, a local health department official, a school official, or a day care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or day care service.

1. Children 18 months of age and older are required to have 3 doses of Polio to enter school, day care, or preschool programs. At age 4-6, a 4th dose of is recommended, but not mandatory.
2. Children 18 months through 6 years of age are required to have 4 doses of DTP and/or DTaP to enter school, day care, or preschool programs. At age 4-6, a 4th dose of DTP or DTaP is recommended, but not mandatory. Children 7 years of age and older are required to have 3 doses of diphtheria and tetanus to enter school.
3. Children less than 7 years old who have received doses of DT (Poliovax) instead of DTP or DTaP must have the medical contraindication section empty and signed.
4. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for Polio and DTP or DTaP but not for measles, mumps, rubella. Reconstructed dates for Polio and DTP or DTaP must be reviewed and approved by the local health department. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of DTP immunity. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of Polio, measles, mumps, or rubella vaccination dates, but re-vaccination is more expedient. ("Check marks" for vaccines given are not acceptable.)
5. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except chickenpox.
6. All children over 12 months of age who attend school, day care, or preschool programs must have at least one (1) dose of measles vaccine given on or after the first birthday. Beginning in September, 1992, children entering kindergarten and sixth grade must provide evidence of two (2) doses of measles vaccine. The requirement for a second dose will progressively apply to additional grades in subsequent years. (1992-99: K-12)
7. Beginning in September, 1992, kindergarten pupils must have received rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday. This requirement will progressively apply to one more grade each year until September, 1998, when it will apply in all grades. (1992-99: K-12)
8. Beginning in September, 1992, one dose of mumps vaccine given on or after the first birthday is required for pupils entering kindergarten and sixth grade. This requirement will progressively apply to additional grades in subsequent years. (1992-99: K-12)
9. All children under 60 months of age must be vaccinated for *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. Children in kindergarten and above do not need to show evidence of having *Haemophilus influenzae* vaccination.
10. Hepatitis B vaccine and chickenpox vaccine will be required for pre-K beginning September, 2000.
11. Effective September 1, 1993, Hepatitis B vaccine is required for licensed child care facilities for new enrollees born on/after April 1, 1994.
12. Chickenpox vaccine will be required for licensed child care facilities, effective September, 1998, for children born on/after January 1, 1997.

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Child Care Administration

MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLAN

THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER COMPLETES THIS FORM IF CHILD HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MAY REQUIRE EMERGENCY CARE AS REQUIRED BY COMAR 07.04.02.15.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Medical Problem(s): _____

Allergies/Reactions: _____

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS:

A) Signs/symptoms to look for: _____

B) When signs/symptoms appear do this: _____

TO PREVENT INCIDENTS: _____

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OTHER SPECIALIZED MEDICAL/HYGIENE PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE NEEDED:

COMMENTS: _____

Physician Signature

Physician Phone Number

Physician Name (Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Child's Name: _____ Last First Middle	Birth Date: _____
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____	Relationship: _____
Home Address: _____ Street City State Zip Code	
Home Telephone: _____	

or Parent/Guardian:

Every child should have medical and dental health supervision periodically from birth to age 18. Even healthy children should see a doctor or dentist at regular intervals. Health check-ups should include physical examinations and immunizations which are necessary to keep your child free of communicable disease.

Maryland law requires you to submit proof of age-appropriate immunizations on the Maryland Immunization Certificate (DHMH 896) to the center, home, or school. This must be done before your child can be admitted.

This form requests health information from you (Part I) and from your child's Health Practitioner (Part II). The section you complete will be helpful to the Health Practitioner in his evaluation of your child.

If it is necessary that you also provide information for Form DHR/CCA 1214. This is the Emergency Information Form for Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes, and Non-public Nursery Schools and Kindergartens.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Name of: _____
Child Care Center, Family Child Care Home, School

Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

PART I: CHILD'S INFORMATION

To be completed by PARENT/GUARDIAN

IMPORTANT: COMPLETE PART I BEFORE THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER EXAMINES YOUR CHILD. TAKE THIS FORM WITH YOU TO THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER.

PLEASE CHECK CORRECT ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN COLUMNS ON THE RIGHT. Explanation, if needed, can be given in the space provided for "REMARKS".

	YES	NO
1. Are you concerned about your child's general health (<i>eating, sleeping habits, posture, teeth, skin, menstruation, weight, bowel/bladder, etc.</i>)?	_____	_____
2. Does your child have any eye problems (<i>difficulty seeing, crossed eyes, frequently reddened or watery eyes</i>)?	_____	_____
Date of last eye examination: ____/____/____ Doctor's Name: _____		
Results: _____		
Does your child wear glasses?	_____	_____
Contact lenses?	_____	_____
3. Does your child have any ear or hearing problems (<i>frequent earaches, difficulty hearing, etc.</i>)?	_____	_____
Date of last hearing evaluation ____/____/____ Doctor's Name: _____		
Results: _____		
Does your child use a hearing aid?	_____	_____
4. Does your child have any speech problems (<i>difficulty having speech understood, stammering, delayed speech development, etc.</i>)?	_____	_____
Does your child have any allergies? If YES, please state what kind of allergies: _____		
Does your child have any other specific illness, disability or other limiting condition? If YES, give details under "Remarks".		
(a) Does this condition require any special health care in the child care facility or school? _____		
(b) Has your child received evaluation, which could help the child care provider or teacher in meeting his/her health or educational needs? If YES, give details under "Remarks" _____		
(c) Does your child require any adaptive equipment? _____		
7. Do you have concerns about your child's behavior or emotional well-being which the child care provider or school should know about? If YES, give details under "Remarks".	_____	_____

REMARKS (*Clarify any "YES" answers*):

PARENT'S STATEMENT - ALL MUST SIGN AND DATE BELOW

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER TO COMPLETE PART II OF THIS FORM. I UNDERSTAND IT IS FOR CONFIDENTIAL USE IN MEETING MY CHILD'S HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL NEED IN DAY CARE OR SCHOOL.

Please fill in if child is school age:

I give my permission to _____ School to release _____'s
Name of School Name of Child

health information to _____
Name of Child Care Center, Family Child Care Home, Non-public Nursery School

I TEST THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date

PART II: MEDICAL EVALUATION

To be completed by a HEALTH PRACTITIONER

CHILD'S NAME: _____

1. Date of this child's most recent tuberculin test: ___/___/___ Result: ___ Positive ___ Negative.

2. This child has the following which may significantly affect his/her child care or educational experience:

- | | YES | NO | COMMENTS |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| a. Vision problem | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| b. Hearing problem | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| c. Speech or language problem | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| d. Other physical illness or impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| e. Mental, emotional or behavior problems | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| f. Developmental delays | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| g. Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Significant physical findings, comments and recommendations: _____

3. This child has a health condition which may require care or emergency action while at child care/school. ___ YES ___ NO

Please specify (e.g., seizures, bee sting allergy, diabetes, etc.): _____

Recommendations: _____

4. This child has or is a known carrier of a communicable disease which should prevent his/her admission to a child care facility or school.

___ YES ___ NO If YES, please specify: _____

This child requires a modified diet and/or special feeding procedures. ___ YES ___ NO

If YES, please specify: _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY IF RELEVANT:

6. If child cannot fully participate in all areas of day care program, what areas should be limited or altered to suit his/her needs?

7. Does child's physical activity need to be restricted? ___ YES ___ NO

If YES, specify: _____

8. Does this child require any specialized treatment? ___ YES ___ NO

If YES, specify: _____

9. Does this child require any adaptive equipment (Braces, crutches, etc.)? ___ YES ___ NO

If YES, please specify type: _____

Special instructions for use: _____

10. Additional comments: _____

HEALTH PRACTITIONER'S STATEMENT

I conducted a physical examination of the above-named child on _____ and find that he/she IS / IS NOT medically cleared to enter care or school. (Date) (Circle one)

Name of Health Practitioner (Please Print) _____

() Telephone Number _____

Signature of Health Practitioner _____

