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Subject: Serious Injury Death Reporting Memos

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DATE: November 14, 2017

TO: Certified Pre-Schools

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Director
Division of Licensing-Children's Programs

SUBJECT: Reporting Requirements for an Injury Requiring an Emergency Referral to an Offsite Health Care Professional or Treatment in a Hospital

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND:

This memo provides clarification for Certified Preschools who are required to report serious injuries annually to the Commissioner. Section 63.2-1717 of the Code of Virginia requires that Certified Preschools annually report any injuries that require an emergency referral to an offsite health care professional or treatment in a hospital. The Virginia Department of Social Services is requesting that Certified Preschools that **do not** participate in the Child Care Subsidy Program voluntarily report serious injuries as defined in Section B of 63.2-1717 of the Code to VDSS **within 2 business days** as indicated in the attached memo so that the Department has the information quickly and the information can be included in the aggregate data analysis.

If you have any questions, you may contact the regional licensing office that serves your location for information. A list of regional licensing office contact information can be found at http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/contacts/dolp_district_children.pdf

UPDATE: November 13, 2017

TO: Licensed Child Day Centers
Licensed Short-term Child Day Center
Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers
Licensed Family Day Homes
Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes
Licensed Family Day Systems
Certified Preschools

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Director Division of Licensing-Children's Programs

SUBJECT: Notification to the Department of an Injury Requiring outside Medical Treatment (IROMT)/ and Death of Children While Under the Center's/Provider's Supervision

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: This memo provides information for child care programs regarding reporting procedures for non-subsidy program participants of any occurrence of an Injury Requiring Outside Medical Treatment (IROMT) or death of a child while under the center/ provider's supervision.

BACKGROUND: The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 directs states to make by electronic means, information available concerning the number of deaths, serious injuries and instances of substantiated child abuse that occur in child care settings each year.

Currently, all providers that are approved subsidy vendors are required to report all occurrences of a serious injury or death of a child while under the provider's supervision to the department.

We are asking that *all* child care providers report any occurrence of an IROMT or death of a child while under the centers/ provider's supervision to the department. By reporting these occurrences, you will assist the department in providing the most accurate and up- to- date information for Virginia's annual aggregate report.

Positive outcomes of reporting serious injuries and deaths of children in care:

- Allows an analysis of the aggregate data collected of reports of IROMT and death occurrences. By focusing on understanding the factors that contributed to the IROMT/death (such as underlying causes and patterns) we can look at strategies to reduce the probability of such events occurring in the future.
- Provides open, transparent accountability to the public
- Gives the Department the ability to answer questions and provide statistics to legislators,

child welfare groups and the public

- ❖ **Reporting of IROMT and deaths of children in care to the department, does not replace any program specific regulatory requirements. Please check the laws and regulations for your individual child care program for injury and death reporting requirements.**

Reporting IROMT and Deaths:

The following procedures are for any child care facility/provider that chooses to notify the department of an occurrence of an IROMT or death of children while under the center/provider's supervision:

- Complete and submit the online form, Report to VDSS Injury of a Child Requiring Outside Medical Treatment or Death for Non-Subsidy Participants. The form can be found at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/iromt.cgi>.
- Types of IROMT to be reported:
 - Any injury that occurs while the child is under the supervision of a center/provider and requires outside medical treatment
 - If the facility seeks outside medical following an injury at the facility. This includes calling 911.
 - If the provider/licensee has knowledge that following an injury that occurred while the child was under the supervision of the center/provider, the child is taken for outside medical treatment
- Submission of the report to the department is as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 2 business days of an occurrence of an IROMT
- Submission of the report to the department is as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 1 business day of an occurrence of a death
- Providers shall maintain a copy of all reporting documentation at the facility. All reporting documentation received by the department will be maintained in the facility or provider record
- As a mandated reporter you must report any suspected child abuse/neglect to your locality's Child Protective Services Program
- It is recommended that child care programs maintain a copy of all IROMT and death reports at the facility. All documentation of IROMT and deaths reports received by the department will be maintained in the facility or provider record.

VDSS Division of Licensing-Children's Program will complete a documentary review of all IROMT and death reports and determine if any follow-up action is necessary.

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