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TO: Licensed Family Day Homes
Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes
Family Day System-Approved Homes

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SUBJECT: Change in Department of Health Immunization Regulation

Section 32.1-46 of the Code of Virginia (Code) requires licensed, registered, or approved family day homes to comply with State Board of Health regulations concerning immunizations of children against certain diseases.

Effective 3/3/10, the immunization regulation (12 VAC 5-110) requires a child to be adequately immunized BEFORE ADMISSION to a family day home unless the child meets one of the religious or medical exemptions listed in Section II of the School Entrance Health Form (MCH 213F).

Any child whose immunizations are incomplete may be admitted conditionally to the family day home for 90 days if the parent provides documentary proof at the time of enrollment (on the MCH 213F or an immunization record signed or stamped by a physician or his designee, registered nurse, or an official of a local health department) of the child's having received at least one dose of the required immunizations accompanied by a schedule for completion of the required doses within 90 calendar days. If the child requires more than two doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, the conditional enrollment period for hepatitis B vaccine only, shall be 180 calendar days. The family day home provider should examine the records of any conditionally enrolled child at regular intervals to ensure that such a child remains on schedule with his plan of completion.

At the end of 90 days, the family day home must exclude any child who is not adequately immunized and who has not been granted a medical or religious exemption until that child's parent provides documentary proof that either 1) his immunization schedule has been completed, or 2) a medical contraindication developed during the conditional enrollment period.