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Informal Inspection Standards (IIS) for Informal Child Care Health and Safety

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Part 1 – Safety of Home

IIS.P1.1	1	Safety of the Home, Health & Safety Training: Certificates, completion of required Health & Safety Training (Basic 3 hrs. & Annual Update)
IIS.P1.2	2	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards
IIS.P1.2.a	2a	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Is in good repair
IIS.P1.2.b	2b	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Is free of insect or rodent infestation
IIS.P1.2.c	2c	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Is well-lit and well-ventilated
IIS.P1.2.d	2d	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has hot and cold running water
IIS.P1.2.e	2e	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has a working inside toilet
IIS.P1.2.f	2f	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has utilities for cooking, lighting and heating
IIS.P1.2.g	2g	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has a working and safe heating system
IIS.P1.2.h	2h	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has a working refrigerator and stove

IIS.P1.2.i	2i	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has a working telephone
IIS.P1.2.j	2j	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has operational smoke and carbon-monoxide detector(s)
IIS.P1.2.k	2k	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has first aid kit/supplies
IIS.P1.2.l	2l	Safety of the Home, Home is free of health and safety hazards: Has protective coverings on any electrical outlet that is accessible to children
IIS.P1.3	3	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children
IIS.P1.3.a	3a	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Sharp or pointed items
IIS.P1.3.b	3b	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Medications of any kind
IIS.P1.3.c	3c	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Matches, lighters and flammable products
IIS.P1.3.d	3d	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Alcoholic beverages
IIS.P1.3.e	3e	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Weapons and firearms
IIS.P1.3.f	3f	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Cannabis edibles, smoking and vaping paraphernalia and by-products
IIS.P1.3.g	3g	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Cleaning agents
IIS.P1.3.h	3h	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Poisonous substances
IIS.P1.3.i	3i	Safety of the Home, Harmful items are stored appropriately and away from children: Interior environmental hazards

Part 2 – General Cleanliness

IIS.P2.4	4	General Cleanliness Standards: All areas of the home are kept clean, including the diapering area
IIS.P2.5	5	General Cleanliness Standards: Trash, garbage, and wet and soiled diapers are disposed of in a sanitary manner

IIS.P2.6	6	General Cleanliness Standards: Child is changed immediately when s/he has a soiled or wet diaper, clothing or bedding
IIS.P2.7	7	General Cleanliness Standards: Diapering procedures are followed
IIS.P2.8	8	General Cleanliness Standards: Handwashing procedures are followed. Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water
IIS.P2.8.a	8a	General Cleanliness Standards: Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water before/after toileting
IIS.P2.8.b	8b	General Cleanliness Standards: Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water before/after diapering
IIS.P2.8.c	8c	General Cleanliness Standards: Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water before/after food preparation and eating
IIS.P2.8.d	8d	General Cleanliness Standards: Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water before/after playing outdoors
IIS.P2.8.e	8e	General Cleanliness Standards: Provider and child's hands washed thoroughly with soap and warm running water hand washing before/after times when necessary to prevent the spread of disease
IIS.P2.9	9	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings
IIS.P2.9.a	9a	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: SIDS prevention review
IIS.P2.9.b	9b	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: The home shall have clean linen and adequate furnishings for rest periods that are comfortable, durable, safe and reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and suffocation within the crib/playpen.
IIS.P2.9.c	9c	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: Cribs are free of crib bumpers, stuffed animals, quilts, pillows, comforters, sheepskins products
IIS.P2.9.d	9d	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: Each child shall have an individual place to rest that is not used by any other child or resident unless the linens are changed between users
IIS.P2.9.e	9e	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: The provider shall provide furnishings for each child approved for care in the home
IIS.P2.9.e.i	9ei	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: Adequate and appropriate rest furnishing for younger than 12 months old, a crib, portable crib, or playpen
IIS.P2.9.e.ii	9eii	Safety of the Home, Rest Area and Furnishings: At least 12 months old and younger than 5 years old, a bed, cot, mat, or sleeping bag

Part 3 – Child Abuse, Neglect and Mistreatment Standards

IIS.P3.10	10	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Abuse: A child is not subject to any form of abuse
IIS.P3.10.a	10a	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Abuse: A child is not subject to any form of abuse, including physical injury
IIS.P3.10.b	10b	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Abuse: A child is not subject to any form of abuse, including any sexual abuse
IIS.P3.10.c	10c	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Abuse: A child is not subject to any form of abuse, including mental injury
IIS.P3.11	11	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Neglect: A child in care is not subjected to any form of neglect.
IIS.P3.11.a	11a	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Neglect: A child in care is not subjected to any form of neglect; including the failure to give proper care and attention to a child includes leaving a child unattended under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or placed at substantial risk of harm
IIS.P3.11.b	11b	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Neglect: A child in care is not subjected to any form of neglect including mental injury to a child, or a substantial risk of mental injury that is caused by the failure to give proper care and attention to a child
IIS.P3.11.c	11c	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Neglect: A child in care is not subjected to any form of neglect including recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect
IIS.P3.12	12	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment
IIS.P3.12.a	12a	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as spanking, biting, hitting, shaking
IIS.P3.12.b	12b	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, or any other means of physical discipline or enforcement of acts which result in physical pain
IIS.P3.12.c	12c	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as not attending to a child's physical needs
IIS.P3.12.d	12d	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as shouting, cursing, shaming, ridiculing

IIS.P3.12.e	12e	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as washing a child's mouth with soap
IIS.P3.12.f	12f	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as putting pepper or other spicy or distasteful items in a child's mouth
IIS.P3.12.g	12g	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: A child in care is not subjected to mistreatment, including any deliberate act that hurts a child physically or emotionally, such as requiring a child to stand on one foot as punishment
IIS.P3.12.h	12h	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: Tying child to a cot or other equipment
IIS.P3.13	13	Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment Standards, Mistreatment: The provider immediately reports any suspected child abuse, neglect, or mistreatment by calling 911 and their local Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Unit

Part 4 – Vehicular Traffic and Transportation Safety

IIS.P4.14	14	Transportation Safety: If children are transported in a vehicle while in care, the provider must be knowledgeable of Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Laws
IIS.P4.15	15	Transportation Safety: Each child in care is separately secured in a child car seat or seat belt per Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Laws
IIS.P4.16	16	Transportation Safety: Each child's car seat, or seat belt is appropriate for the age and weight of the child using it as per Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Laws

Part 5 – Outdoor Activity Area

IIS.P5.17	17	Outdoor Activity Area, Outdoor Area Safety: There shall be accessible space for outdoor activity that is free from conditions that may be dangerous to the health or safety of children in care
IIS.P5.18	18	Outdoor Activity Area, Outdoor Area Safety: The outdoor activity area shall be enclosed to protect children in care from accessible hazards such as a heavily trafficked area, a body of water, or environmental hazards
IIS.P5.19	19	Outdoor Activity Area, Outdoor Area Safety: Traffic and congested areas
IIS.P5.20	20	Outdoor Activity Area, Pool Area Safety: Any pool on the premises shall be made inaccessible to children in care and have security features
IIS.P5.20.a	20a	Outdoor Activity Area, Pool Area Safety: Any pool on the premises shall be made inaccessible to children in care and have security features including a 4 ft Fence that surrounds the pool

IIS.P5.20.b	20b	Outdoor Activity Area, Pool Area Safety: Any pool on the premises shall be made inaccessible to children in care and have security features including a self-closing and self-latching mechanism on the entry/exit way
IIS.P5.20.c	20c	Outdoor Activity Area, Pool Area Safety: Any pool on the premises shall be made inaccessible to children in care and have security features including a secured lock
IIS.P5.20.d	20d	Outdoor Activity Area, Pool Area Safety: Any pool on the premises shall be made inaccessible to children in care and have security features including a sensor or alarm on the access door
IIS.P6.21	21	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Disaster Supply Kit
IIS.P6.21.a	21a	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: includes a Flashlight
IIS.P6.21.b	21b	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: includes Batteries
IIS.P6.21.c	21c	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: includes a Portable First Aid Kit

Part 6 – Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack

IIS.P6.21.d	21d	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: includes a Thermometer
IIS.P6.21.e	21e	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: includes Medications (if applicable)
IIS.P6.21.f	21f	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Bottled water
IIS.P6.21.g	21g	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Non-perishable food
IIS.P6.21.h	21h	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Diapers
IIS.P6.21.i	21i	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Change of clothes
IIS.P6.21.j	21j	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Blanket(s)
IIS.P6.21.k	21k	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Folder or binder for EPP documents
IIS.P6.21.l	21l	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Backpack(s) or carrying case(s)

IIS.P6.21.m	21m	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Special toys or games
IIS.P6.21.n	21n	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack: Scissors, tape & sealing plastic
IIS.P6.22	22	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Documents: Emergency Documents
IIS.P6.22.a	22a	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Documents: Informal Provider Emergency Preparedness Plan
IIS.P6.22.b	22b	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Documents: Emergency Care & Authorization Form (one for each child in care)
IIS.P6.22C	22c	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Emergency Documents: Reportable Incident Report Form – blank copy
IIS.P6.23	23	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Planning and Maintenance: Planning and Maintenance
IIS.P6.23.a	23a	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Planning and Maintenance: Person responsible
IIS.P6.23.b	23b	Emergency Preparedness Plan & Response, Planning and Maintenance: Description of how the Emergency Ready-to-Go Pack will be transported to an evacuation location

Part 7 – Health & Safety Review

IIS.P7.24	24	Health & Safety Review, Review of Shelter in Place
IIS.P7.25	25	Health & Safety Review, Review of Lockdown (Partial & Full)
IIS.P7.26	26	Health & Safety Review, Review of Evacuation Plan
IIS.P7.26.a	26a	Health & Safety Review, Review of Primary Evacuation Location
IIS.P7.26.b	26b	Health & Safety Review, Review of Alternate Evacuation Location
IIS.P7.27	27	Health & Safety Review, Review of Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleep practices
IIS.P7.28	28	Health & Safety Review, Review of Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment
IIS.P7.29	29	Health & Safety Review, Review of Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect
IIS.P7.30	30	Health & Safety Review, Review of Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent

IIS.P7.31	31	Health & Safety Review, Review of Building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
IIS.P7.32	32	Health & Safety Review, Review of emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event (such as violence at the care location)
IIS.P7.33	33	Health & Safety Review, Review of prevention/response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
IIS.P7.34	34	Health & Safety Review, Review of handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants
IIS.P7.35	35	Health & Safety Review, Review of prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)
IIS.P7.36	36	Health & Safety Review, Review of pediatric first aid and CPR
IIS.P7.37	37	Health & Safety Review, Review of appropriate precautions in transporting children
IIS.P7.38	38	Health & Safety Review, Review: A provider and any other individual in the child care setting may not possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, or an illegal or nonprescribed controlled dangerous substance while present at the care location. This applies to any activity during care hours and includes the transporting of children when necessary (e.g. during an emergency)