



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Community Based Regulation Section

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TO: All Licensed Child Care Providers

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RE: First Aid Training

Please be reminded that the regulations governing the operation of child day care centers and group homes, require that at all times, the program is in operation, there shall be at least one staff member present who has successfully completed a Department approved first aid course. The regulations governing family day care homes require that the provider maintain a valid certificate from an approved course in basic first aid appropriate for child care providers.

It is the responsibility of the day care program/provider to ensure that the first aid course is on the current Department approved list. Pay close attention when reviewing the approved list. Many first aid courses have similar names, but the content of the course may be very different.

The length of the first aid course must be six hours in length. This does not include the length of time required for the completion of a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) portion of the course. Also please be reminded that the six hour time frame is required by regulations regardless of whether this is the initial training in first aid or is being taken because the three year time is expiring. There are no approved "refresher courses" which can take the place of the approved six hour first aid course. Online courses do not meet the criteria for approval.

Failure to complete one of the Department approved courses that satisfies the length content requirements specified in Section 19a-79-4a(e)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies will result in the need to complete another approved course.

A list of the Department approved first aid courses can be found on the Child Day Care Licensing Program's web site at.

http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3141&q=387172&dphNav_GID=1823&dphNav=



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