

## **.29 ADMISSION TO CARE**

- A. The provider may not admit a child to the home for child care until the provider has received:**
- (1) An emergency form for the child as required in Regulation .38 of this chapter;**
  - (2) A written report of a health inventory of the child on a form supplied or approved by the Office; and**
  - (3) Evidence, on a form supplied or approved by the Office, that the child has had immunizations appropriate for the child's age.**

**INTENT:** A child may not begin care until you have received current and complete health, immunization, and emergency information for the child.

**INSPECTION REPORT ITEM:** "Emergency form received"  
"Health Inventory received"  
"Age-appropriate immunizations"

**COMPLIANCE CRITERIA:**

- On or before the first day that the child begins care, you have received the following items, each of which is complete and signed by the child's parent or guardian and, if indicated, by a licensed health practitioner:
  - "Emergency Form" (DHR/CCA [1214](#))
  - "Health Inventory" form (DHR/CCA [1215](#))
  - "Immunization Certificate" ([DHMH 896](#))
- Each child's immunizations are up-to-date

**ASSESSMENT METHOD:** Review of children's files to determine:

- If and when you received the required documentation; and
- The status of the children's immunizations.

- B. Unless otherwise provided by law, if a child younger than 6 years old was admitted to the home on or after May 8, 1997, the provider may not allow the child to remain in care at the home if the parent does not, within 30 days after the child's admission, submit evidence to the provider on a form supplied or approved by the Office that the child has received an appropriate lead screening in accordance with applicable State or local requirements.**

**INTENT:** To help decrease the damaging effects of lead poisoning in children, Maryland law requires each child under the age of 6 years to have an appropriate lead screening within 30 days after first entering a child care program.

**INSPECTION REPORT ITEM:** "Lead screening if under 6"

**COMPLIANCE CRITERIA:** Within 30 days after admitting a child younger than 6 years old, you received a completed and signed "Health Inventory Addendum" form (DHR/CCA [1215-A](#)) or equivalent form approved by the Office.

**ASSESSMENT METHOD:** Review of children's files to determine if and when you received the required documentation.

Notes:

- The child's parent is responsible for making sure the child has received a lead screening.
- The child's physician is responsible for ensuring that the child received the appropriate lead screening.
- Your only responsibility is to make sure you receive documentation of the screening performed by the child's physician within 30 days after the child first attends care.

- C. Effective September 1, 1999, a family day care provider who also provides treatment foster care in the home may not admit a child for treatment foster care in the home unless the child is being placed in the home in a preadoptive capacity.**

**INTENT:** Because of the degree of supervision that a child in treatment foster care typically needs, a family child care provider who is also licensed as a treatment

foster care parent is not permitted to admit a child for treatment foster care unless the child will be adopted by the provider.

**General Note:** Federal law under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits child care providers from denying admission to a child with a disability solely on the basis of that disability. For more information about how ADA requirements may apply to your program, see [“Child Care and the ADA.”](#)