

Standards and Checklist – Family / In-Home Child Care Certification

Use of form: Completion of this form meets the requirements of Chapter DCF 202 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The language on this checklist has been shortened and simplified; complete text can be found at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cccertification>. This checklist contains only selected portions of the administrative rules or statutes. The applicant / operator is responsible for remaining in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes. Standards apply to both public and private-pay children whether they are related to the operator or not. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Applicant / Operator Name (First, MI, Last)		Applicant / Operator Telephone Number	
Address Where Care is Provided (Street, City, Zip Code)		Applicant / Operator Email Address	
Care Will Be Provided In: (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Home <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant / Operator's Home		Ages of Children Served Youngest: Oldest:	
For Currently Certified Operators Only: My certification has (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Stipulations <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Condition:			

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT / CERTIFIED CHILD CARE OPERATOR

1. An applicant must comply with all requirements before certification may be granted. All items must be marked either "Y" or "N/A."
2. If you understand the rule and you are in compliance with the specific rule, put a check in the "Y" column for **Yes**. Note: Something doesn't have to have happened in order for you to put a check in the "Y" column for yes; we just want to make sure you understand what is required by the rule. For example, 202.08(1m)(b)2. . states that the operator shall report any death of a child in care. Checking "Y" for yes doesn't mean that a child has died while in care, it just means that you understand that you need to report this type of incident to the certification agency.
3. If a specific rule does not apply to your program, put a check in the "N/A" column for **Not Applicable**. For example, 202.08(2)(a)5. states that if care is provided in a basement, the secondary exit shall be one of the following—(a) or (b). If you do not have a basement, this rule does not apply to your program and you would put a check in the N/A column for this rule.
4. Items with an asterisk (*) preceding the language in the "DCF 202 Child Care Certification Standards" column are optional if the care is provided in the child's home.
5. The applicant / certified child care operator shall sign and date the completed checklist.
6. Check with the certification agency in your county / tribe to determine whether or not submission of this form is required prior to the initial and/or recertification home visit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION WORKER

1. If the applicant / operator is in compliance with the specific rule, put a check in the "Y" column for **Yes**.
2. If the applicant / operator is not in compliance with the specific rule, put a check in the "N" column for **No**.
3. If a specific rule does not apply to the agency or the applicant / operator, put a check "N/A" column for **Not Applicable**. See the example in number 3 above.
4. A certified in-home child care operator is not required to comply with subs. (2)(a), (b), (e)3. and 4., (f), (g), (h), (i), (L), and (m); (4) (hm); (8m); and (12)(e). Items with an asterisk (*) preceding the language in the "DCF 202 Child Care Certification Standards" column are optional if the care is provided in the child's home.
5. Items with an asterisk (*) preceding the rule number in the "Number" column and in italics require annual unannounced monitoring.
6. Items with two asterisks (**) in the certification agency's "N" column are rules codified in Wisconsin Statute.
7. At conclusion of the home visit / inspection, ensure both the operator and the certification worker have signed the form. Provide a signed copy of the form to the child care operator and retain the original for the certification file.

Distribution: Original – Certification Worker
Copy – Certified Program

Number	DCF 202 Child Care Certification Standards	Applicant		Certification Agency			COMMENTS
		Y	N/A	Y	N	N/A	
202.04(1) BASIS FOR CERTIFICATION							
(1)	In order to be certified, a child care operator shall meet all of the following conditions:						
(1)(a)	The operator is exempt from the licensure requirement under s. 48.65, Stats.						
(1)(b)	There is no child care center licensed under ch. DCF 250 on the premises where the certified child care operator cares, or will care, for children.						
(1)(c)	The operator complies with the standards in this chapter.						
202.04(4) APPLICATION							
(4)(b)	An applicant for certification shall be an individual.						
(4)(c)	An applicant and certification agency shall comply with the background check requirements under s. 48.686, Stats., and ch. DCF 13.						
202.08(1) QUALIFICATION OF PROVIDERS							
(1)(a)1.	A provider shall be physically, mentally and emotionally able to provide responsible child care and shall be at least 18 years of age.						
(1)(a)2.	Each child care operator shall demonstrate that the operator is free from tuberculosis prior to initial certification. Each provider shall demonstrate that he or she is free from tuberculosis prior to the date the provider begins working with children in care. The certification agency may accept the results of a screening or test administered up to 12 months before the certification date or the date the person began to work with children in care.						
<i>*(1)(b)1.</i>	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS): Prior to certification and prior to beginning to work with children each provider, including volunteers, substitutes, and emergency back-up providers, or any other person who provides care and supervision for children under one year of age shall complete training in the most current medically accepted methods for reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome. Date SIDS training completed: _____				**		
<i>*(1)(b)2.</i>	Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) Prevention: Prior to certification and prior to beginning to work with children each provider, including volunteers, substitutes, and emergency back-up providers, or any other person who provides care and supervision for children under 5 years of age shall complete department-approved training on AHT prevention, including shaken baby syndrome (SBS) and appropriate ways to manage crying, fussing, or distraught children. Date AHT training completed: _____ Date pre-training video completed: _____ Department-approved SBS prevention training completed prior to 8/31/20 is acceptable.				**		
(1)(b)3.a.	Each certified child care operator and each provider shall comply with s. 48.651, Wis. Stat., and complete training including at least 2 credits in early childhood education or a department-approved non-credit course in caring for children.				**		

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202.08(1) QUALIFICATION OF PROVIDERS								
(1)(b)3. b.	Each certified operator and each provider shall comply with s. 48.651, Wis. Stat., and successfully complete a department-approved non-credit course in operating a child care business or a course for credit in business or program administration.				**			
<i>*(1)(b)3.c.</i>	Each certified operator and each provider shall comply with s. 48.651, Wis. Stat., and complete training in child abuse and neglect laws and identifying, documenting, and reporting child abuse and neglect.				**			
<i>*(1)(b)3.d.</i>	Each certified operator and each provider shall comply with s. 48.651, Wis. Stat., and obtain and recertify as necessary to maintain current certification in infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The CPR training must result in a certificate of completion. If the certificate of completion does not have a date specifying the length of time for which it is valid, the CPR training must be renewed every year.				**			
(1)(b)4.b.	A provisional certified child care operator shall complete department-approved preservice training under subd 3. within 3 months after provisional certification.				**			
(1)(b)4.c.	A provider working in a regular or provisional certified child care program shall successfully complete department-approved preservice training under subd. 3. by 3 months after work commencing.				**			
(1)(b)4.d.	A substitute shall complete the training specified in subd. 1. (SIDS) and 2. (SBS) but need not meet requirements under subd. 3. until the substitute has worked for 240 cumulative hours.							
(1)(b)5.	After completion of preservice training under subd. 3., a child care provider shall receive and document receiving at least 5 hours of qualifying continuing education annually. Continuing education qualifies under this subdivision if it covers any of the topics listed under 202.08(1)(b)5. a. through n (health, safety and/or child development).				**			
(1)(b)6.	Continuing education hours completed in excess of the 5 hour requirement in sub. 5. may be used to meet the continuing education requirement for the following year. Note: Time spent renewing infant/child CPR training may be counted towards the required continuing education hours.							
202.08(1m) GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS								
(1m)(a)1.	A certified child care operator shall be a responsible, mature individual who is fit and qualified. In determining whether an applicant is fit and qualified, the certification agency shall consider qualifications under sub. (1) and any information listed under s. DCF 202.02(7m) by the applicant, operator, household member, or other individual directly or indirectly participating in the operation of the certified child care.							
(1m)(a)2.	Prior to receiving or continuing certification, an applicant or operator shall complete all application forms truthfully and accurately and pay all fees that are due to the certification agency or to the department.							
(1m)(a)3.	A certified child care operator shall ensure that any action, by commission or omission, or any condition or occurrence relating to the operation or maintenance of the child care premises does not adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of any child in care.							

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202.08(1m)	GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS						
(1m)(a)4.	A certified child care operator shall comply with all laws governing the certified child care program and its operation, including s. 48.686, Stats., and ch. DCF 13 and ensure that all employees and volunteers comply with these laws.						
(1m)(a)5.	A certified child care operator shall comply with all requirements in this chapter, ch. DCF 13, and any conditions or restrictions placed on the certification.						
(1m)(a)6.	A certified child care operator shall include in its personnel or operating policies a provision that requires a provider to notify the child care operator as soon as possible, but no later than the child care program's next working day, of the reporting requirements under par. (b)5. to 7.						
(1m)(a)7.	A certified child care operator shall ensure all information provided to the certification agency and the department is current and accurate.						
(1m)(a)8.	A certified child care operator shall maintain a current written record on each child in care, including the provider's own children under 7 years of age, and make the record available to a child care certification worker upon request.						
(1m)(a)9.	A certified child care operator shall permit a child care certification worker to have unrestricted access to the premises, including access to children served, child records, and any other materials related to compliance under this chapter.						
(1m)(a)10.	A certified child care operator shall comply with the conditions of the certification. a. The number of children in care at any time may not exceed the number specified. b. The age of the children in care may not be younger or older than the age range specified. c. The hours, days and months of operation may not exceed those specified. Care provided in excess of the specified hours is unregulated. d. The certification is non-transferrable, is granted only to the designated operator, and is limited to the stated location.						
(1m)(b)	Reports. A certified family child care operator shall report all of the following to the certification agency as soon as possible, but no later than the certification agency's next working day:						
(1m)(b)1.	An accident or incident that occurs while a child is in care of a provider resulting in an injury requiring professional medical evaluation.						
(1m)(b)2.	The death of a child in care of a provider.						
(1m)(b)3.	Any damage to the premises that may affect compliance with this chapter, or any incident at the premises that results in the loss of utility service.						
(1m)(b)4.	Construction or remodeling of the premises that has the potential to affect an area accessible to children or have an effect on health and safety of children in care.						
(1m)(b)5.	Known convictions, pending charges, or other offenses of the child care operator, household member, or other person subject to the child care background check.						
(1m)(b)6.	Involvement by law enforcement in response to any of the following:						
(1m)(b)6.a.	A threat to cause physical or serious emotional harm to any individual, including a child in care, by the operator, a household member, or other person subject to the child care background check.						

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(1m)(b)6.b.	A moving violation by a driver that transports children in care, regardless of whether the children are present at the time of the violation.						
(1m)(b)7.	Suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a provider, volunteer, or household member that was reported under sub. (14), including any incident that results in a child being forcefully shaken or thrown against a hard or soft surface during the child's hours of attendance.						
(1m)(b)8.	A prohibited action specified under sub. (7)(b) by a provider, volunteer, or household member.						
(1m)(b)9.	An injury caused by an animal to a child in care.						
(1m)(b)10.	The operator intends to hire a new employee or volunteer.						
(1m)(b)11.	A current household member turns 10 years of age.						
(1m)(b)12.	The operator's tax identification number changes or the legal name associated with the tax identification number changes.						
(1m)(b)13.	A name change by a person subject to the child care background check.						
(1m)(c)	New household member. A certified family child care operator shall submit a completed background check request form to the department or certification agency for each potential household member 10 years of age or older prior to the date on which the person becomes a household member.						
(1m)(d)	Approval for changes. An operator shall submit a request to the certification agency if the operator wishes to change any of the following: 1. The hours, days, or months that the operator provides care. 2. The name of the operator's child care program. 3. The operator's phone number. 4. The operator's physical address (note: The certification is not transferrable, and relocation requires submission of a new application). 5. Transportation services.						
(1m)(e)	Plan of correction. 1. If requested by the certification agency, an operator shall submit a plan of correction for cited violations of this chapter, ch. DCF 13, or s. 48.686, Stats., to the certification agency by the date the agency specifies. 2. The operator shall submit a revised plan of correction to the agency if the initial plan is not accepted by the agency.						
*(1m)(f)	Approval required before working in program. A provider, substitute, employee, or volunteer for a certified child care operator shall be approved by the certification agency before the person begins working in the certified child care program. The certification agency may approve the provider, substitute, employee, or volunteer if the agency has verification that the individual has met the standards under sub. (1)(a) and (b) and has been determined eligible by the department under s. 48.686 (4p), Stats., and s. DCF 13.06.						

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202.08(2) THE HOME							
*(2)(a)	* Exits to the home shall comply with the following:						
*(2)(a)1.	* All exits shall be clear of obstruction.						
*(2)(a)2.	* Each floor or level used for child care shall have at least 2 exits.						
*(2)(a)3.	* The primary exit shall be a door or a stairway providing unobstructed travel to the outside of the building at street or ground level.						
*(2)(a)4.	* If the care is not provided in a basement, the secondary exit shall be one of the following:						
*(2)(a)4.a.	* A door or stairway that provides unobstructed travel to the outside of the building at street or ground level.						
*(2)(a)4.b.	* A door or stairway leading to a platform or roof with railings which has an area of at least 25 square feet, is at least 4 feet long and is not more than 15 feet above the ground level.						
*(2)(a)4.c.	* A window not more than 46 inches above the floor that is capable of being opened from the inside without the use of tool or removal of a sash and which has a window opening size of at least 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height.						
*(2)(a)5.	* If the care is provided in a basement, the secondary exit shall be one of the following:						
*(2)(a)5.a.	* A door or stairway that provides unobstructed travel to the outside of the building at street or ground level.						
*(2)(a)5.b.	* A window not more than 46 inches above the floor that is capable of being opened from the inside without the use of tool or removal of a sash and which has a window opening size of at least 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height. The window shall open directly to the ground or to a window well with an area of at least 6 square feet that is not more than 46 inches below the ground.						
*(2)(am)1.	A one-unit or two-unit residential building shall have a functional carbon monoxide detector installed in the basement and on each level of the building, excluding the garage and attic, in accordance with the requirements of s. 101.647, Stats.				**		
*(2)(am)2.	A residential building with at least 3 units shall have one or more functional carbon monoxide detectors installed in accordance with the requirements of s. 101.149, Stats.				**		
*(2)(ar)	The home shall have a functional smoke detector on each floor level in accordance with the requirements of s. 101.645, Stats.				**		
(2)(b)	* All areas used for child care shall have adequate and safe heat, light and ventilation, including the following:						
(2)(b)1.	* The inside temperature of the home may not be less than 67 degrees Fahrenheit.						
(2)(b)2.	* If the inside temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, a child care provider shall provide for air circulation with safe fans, air conditioning, or other means.						
*(2)(c)	The indoor and outdoor areas of the home shall be free of hazards. Potentially dangerous items and materials harmful to children, including power tools, flammable or combustible materials, insecticides, matches, drugs, and any articles labeled hazardous to children, shall be in properly marked containers and stored in areas inaccessible to children.						

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* (2)(cm)	Firearms, ammunition, and bows and arrows with sharp tips that are located on the premises or in a vehicle used to transport children shall be kept in locked storage and may not be accessible to children.						
* (2)(e)	Outdoor play areas shall be well drained, be free of hazards and have the following protections in place:						
* (2)(e)1.	Concrete and asphalt shall be prohibited under climbing equipment, swings and slides.						
* (2)(e)2.	Hot tubs may not be used by children in care and shall be inaccessible to children by use of a locked rigid cover, permanent barrier, or other protective measure.						
* (2)(e)3.	* Structures such as playground equipment, railings, decks, and porches accessible to children and built with CCA-treated lumber shall be sealed with an oil-based sealant or stain at least every 2 years. If applicable, date last sealed: _____						
* (2)(e)4	* Wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol, including railroad ties, may not be used in areas accessible to children.						
* (2)(e)5.	On-ground or in-ground swimming pools on the premises may not be used by children in care and shall be inaccessible to children in care by use of a permanent enclosure or other protective measure.						
(2)(e)6.	Wading pools may be used if the water is changed daily and the pool is disinfected daily. A provider shall be outside with children providing sight and sound supervision when a wading pool containing water is present in the outdoor play area.						
* (2)(e)7.	The outdoor play area shall have a permanent enclosure not less than 4 feet high to protect the safety of children in care. Fencing, plants, or landscaping may be used to create a permanent enclosure. If the outdoor play area does not have a permanent enclosure, a provider shall be outside with children providing sight and sound supervision when children are outside.						
(2)(f)	* The premises, furnishings, and equipment shall be free from litter and vermin, maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair.						
(2)(g)	* Bathrooms, including toilets, sinks, and potty chairs, shall be clean and in good working condition. Soap, toilet paper, towels, and a waste paper container shall be provided in the bathroom and shall be accessible to children.						
(2)(h)	* If the home gets the water supply from a private well, water samples from the well shall be tested annually by a laboratory certified under ch. ATCP 77 and shall be found bacteriologically safe. If water test results indicate the water is bacteriologically unsafe, the water shall be appropriately treated and retested until it is determined to be safe. Bottled water shall be used until the water is determined to be safe. If applicable, date of last bacteria test: _____						

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202.08(2) THE HOME							
(2)(i)	*An operator that cares for infants under 6 months of age in a certified child care home that gets its water supply from a private well shall get water samples tested annually by a laboratory certified under ch. ATCP 77 to determine the level of nitrates in the water. If the water sample tests above the maximum allowable levels of nitrates, bottled water shall be used for children under 6 months of age.						
(2)(j)	Areas, surfaces, equipment, utensils, and appliances used for preparing, serving and storing food shall be kept clean, sanitary, and in good working condition. Eating surfaces shall be washed before use.						
*(2)(k)	Smoking is prohibited anywhere on the premises or in a vehicle used to transport children when children are in care.						
*(2)(L)	*The premises shall have no flaking, chipping, peeling, or deteriorating paint on exterior or interior surfaces in areas accessible to children.						
(2)(m)1.	*Pets in the home shall be tolerant of children and vaccinated against rabies. The rabies vaccination shall be documented with a current certificate from a veterinarian. If applicable, rabies due date: _____						
(2)(m)2.	* Animals that may pose any risk to the children may not be in any indoor or outdoor areas used for child care when children are in care.						
(2)(m)3.	* Reptiles, amphibians, ferrets, poisonous animals, psittacine birds, and exotic and wild animals may not be accessible to children. Note: Psittacine birds are hooked bill birds of the parrot family that have 2 toes forward and 2 toes backward, including macaws, grays, cockatoos and lovebirds.						
(2)(m)4.	* Indoor and outdoor areas accessible to children shall be free of pet and animal excrement.						
(2)(m)5.	* Operators shall ensure they are in compliance with all applicable local ordinances regarding the number, types, and health status of pets and animals.						
202.08(4) HEALTH							
(4)(a)	A certified child care operator shall have a current report of a physical examination on file for each child, including the operator’s own children in care, as follows: Note: The requirement does not apply to a child care operator who requests from the certification agency in writing an exemption for a child based upon adherence by the child’s parent to religious belief in exclusive use of prayer or spiritual means for healing.						
(4)(a)1.	For a child under 2 years of age, a report of a physical examination conducted not more than 6 months prior to nor later than 3 months after the child is admitted and a follow-up health examination at least once every 6 months thereafter.						
(4)(a)2.	For a child 2 years of age or older, a report of a physical examination conducted not more than 2 years prior to nor later than 3 months after the child is admitted and a follow-up health examination at least once every 2 years thereafter. The requirement under par. (a) does not apply to children 5 years of age and above.						

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(4)(b)	The physical examination report above shall be made on an electronic printout from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or health check provider or on a form provided by the department that is signed and dated by a licensed physician, a physician assistant or a health check provider.						
<i>*(4)(e)</i>	The certified child care operator shall have on file for each child in care a record of the child's immunization history to document compliance with s. 252.04, Stats., and ch. DHS 144.				**		
<i>*(4)(f)1.</i>	Medications shall be stored so they are not accessible to children.						
(4)(f)2.	A child care provider may administer prescription or non-prescription medication to a child only if all of the following conditions are met:						
(4)(f)2.a.	The medication is in the original container and is labeled with the child's name, dosage, and administration directions.						
<i>*(4)(f)2.b.</i>	The child's parent has given written and signed permission to administer the medication to the child as directed on the label.						
<i>*(4)(g)</i>	A child care provider shall wash his or her hands with soap and warm running water after toileting, prior to food preparation, after handling pets or animals, and after diapering children.						
<i>*(4)(h)</i>	A child care provider shall require all children in the provider's care to wash their hands with soap and warm running water before eating and after toileting or handling pets or animals.						
(4)(hm)	* Children may not share cups, eating utensils, washcloths, or towels, unless care is being provided in the children's home by a certified in-home child care operator.						
<i>*(4)(i)</i>	A provider shall change a child's wet or soiled clothing or diapers promptly from an available supply of clean clothing or diapers. A child care provider shall change a child's diaper on an easily cleanable surface that is cleaned with soap and water and a disinfectant solution after each use. The disinfectant solution shall be registered with the U.S. environmental protection agency as a disinfectant and have instructions for use as a disinfectant on the label. The solution shall be prepared and applied as indicated on the label.						
(4)(j)	A child care provider shall clean a child's superficial wound with soap and water only and protect it with a band-aid or bandage.						
<i>*(4)(k)</i>	If a child care operator or child care provider is aware that a child attending certified child care or a child care operator's own child has a reportable communicable disease under ch. DHS 145 that is transmitted through normal contact, the operator or provider shall comply with all of the following requirements:						
<i>*(4)(k)1.</i>	The operator or provider shall notify the local public health officer and parents of all the enrolled children within 48 hours of being notified of the diagnosis.						
<i>*(4)(k)2.</i>	A child who has / had a reportable communicable disease under ch. DHS 145 may not be admitted to certified child care unless the child's parents provide a statement from a physician that the child's condition is no longer contagious or the child has been absent for a period of time equal to the longest usual incubation period for the disease as specified by the Department of Health Services.						

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202.08(4) HEALTH							
<i>*(4)(L)</i>	No operator, provider, household member, employee, volunteer, visitor, parent or any other person may be in contact with the children in care if any of the following conditions are met:						
<i>*(4)(L)1.</i>	The person has symptoms of illness or of a communicable disease that is reportable under ch. DHS 145 and may be transmitted through normal contact.						
(4)(L)2.	The person's behavior or mental or physical condition gives reasonable concern for the safety of the children.						
<i>*(4)(o)</i>	A provider shall use universal precautions when exposed to blood or bodily fluids or discharge containing blood. All persons exposed to blood or bodily fluids containing blood or other types of bodily discharges shall wash their hands immediately with soap and warm running water.						
202.08(4m) EMERGENCIES							
<i>*(4m)(a)1.</i>	An operator shall have a written plan for taking appropriate action in the event of an emergency including a fire; a tornado; a flood; extreme outdoor heat or cold; a loss of building service, including no heat, water, electricity or telephone; human-caused events, such as threats to the building or its occupants; allergic reactions; lost or missing children; vehicle accidents; a provider's family situation, such as medical emergency or illness; or other circumstances requiring immediate attention. The plan shall include procedures for all of the following:						
<i>*(4m)(a)1. a.</i>	Evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, and lock-down.						
<i>*(4m)(a)1. b.</i>	Communication and reunification with families.						
<i>*(4m)(a)1. c.</i>	Ensuring that the needs of all children are met, including children under age 2 years of age, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions.						
<i>*(4m)(a)2.</i>	The plan under subd 1. shall be reviewed periodically and practiced as specified in the plan.						
<i>*(4m)(b)</i>	An operator shall have a written plan to prevent and respond to food and other allergy-related emergencies.						
(4m)(c)	An operator shall designate an emergency back-up provider. The emergency back-up child care provider shall be at least 18 years of age and able to provide an acceptable level of child care. Name of person: _____						
<i>*(4m)(d)1.</i>	The home shall have at least one telephone in working order. If a cellular phone is used as a primary phone, it shall be operational during the hours of child care.						
<i>*(4m)(d)2.</i>	The home shall have a list of emergency numbers posted in a location known to all providers, including the numbers for the police, fire station, emergency medical care, child protective services agency, and poison control center.						

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202.08(4m) EMERGENCIES							
*(4m)(e)	An operator shall ensure each provider, volunteer, substitute, or emergency back-up provider, receives an orientation before beginning work that covers the following:						
*(4m)(e)1.	Names and ages of children in care.						
*(4m)(e)2.	A review of children’s records including parent and emergency contact information.						
*(4m)(e)3.	Specific information relating to a child’s special health care needs, including administration of medications, disabilities, allergies, or other special health conditions.						
*(4m)(e)4.	Review of the operator’s plan for responding to emergencies.						
*(4m)(e)5.	A review of this chapter.						
202.08(5) SUPERVISION							
(5)(a)	A child care provider may not be engaged in any other activity or occupation during the hours of operation when children are in care that interferes with the adequate care and supervision of children, except for daily maintenance of the home.						
(5)(b)	A provider shall be awake whenever the children in care are awake.						
(5)(c)	No individual provider may take care of children for more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period. Certified Hours of Operation: FROM _____ am/pm TO _____ am/pm						
(5)(d)	The operator shall ensure that each child has adult supervision at all times and that no person under 18 years of age is left in sole charge of the children.						
(5)(e)	Each child shall be closely supervised by a qualified provider to guide the child’s behavior and activities, prevent harm, and assure safety of children at all times.						
(5)(f)	No certified operator, provider, employee, volunteer, household member or any other individual in the home may consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any non-prescribed controlled substance specified in ch. 961, Stats., during the hours of operation when children are in care.						
(5)(h)	A provider may not allow any person who may pose a threat to the health or safety of the children to have contact with the children in care.						
*(5)(i)	The certified child care operator shall keep current and accurate written records of the daily hours of attendance of each child in care, including the actual arrival and departure times for each child. If children are transported to or from the premises or school by the operator or other provider on behalf of the operator, the daily attendance record shall include the actual time the child was picked up or dropped off.						
(5)(j)	The operator shall maintain documentation of the actual hours that a provider who is not also the operator has worked.						

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202.08(6) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN											
(6)(a)	The operator may care for up to 3 children under the age of 7 years who are unrelated to the operator.							**			
(6)(b)	The maximum group size may not exceed 6 and includes the provider's own children under age 7.										
(6)(d)	The operator must comply with the group size rules as indicated in the chart below.										
(6)(e)1. and 2.	When the certified in-home child care operator cares for children in the children's own home, (a) and (b) above do not apply. The operator may not care for any children who do not reside in the home.										
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CERTIFIED CHILD CARE					WHEN CHILDREN UNDER AGE 2 ARE PRESENT						
Related or operator's own children under age 7		Non-related children under age 7	Additional children age 7 or older		Maximum number of children	Number of children under age 2		Maximum number of children*			
0		3	Additional children ages 7 through 12 (if special needs up to 19) may be cared for as long as the maximum total number of children is not exceeded.		6	0		6			
1		3			6	1		6			
2		3			6	2		6			
3		3			6	3		5			
4		2			6	4		4			
5		1			6						
6		0			6						
* The maximum number does not include the certified child care operator's natural, adopted, step or foster children 7 years of age and older or any children 7 years of age and older who live in the residence. Note: Under s. 48.65 (1), Stats., if a provider takes care of 4 or more children under the age of 7 who are not related to the provider, for compensation, the provider must obtain from the Department of Children and Families a license to operate a child care center. "Related" means the provider's natural, adopted or foster children, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, first cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles and aunts.											
202.08(7) PROVIDER INTERACTIONS WITH CHILDREN											
(7)(a)	A child care provider shall interact with the children in a caring and positive manner.										
(7)(b)	No provider may act in a manner that may be psychologically, emotionally or physically painful, discomfoting, dangerous, or potentially injurious to a child. Prohibited actions include all of the following:										
(7)(b)1.	Hitting, spanking, pinching, shaking, slapping, throwing, or inflicting any other form of corporal punishment.										
(7)(b)2.	Physical restraint, binding, or trying to restrict the child's movement or enclosing the child in a confined space such as a closet, basement, locked room, box, or similar cubicle.										
(7)(b)3.	Withholding or forcing meals, snacks, or naps.										
(7)(b)4.	Actions that are cruel, aversive, humiliating, or frightening to the child, including behavior modification techniques resulting in extremely negative consequences.										
(7)(b)5.	Verbal abuse, threats, or making derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family.										

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202.08(7) PROVIDER INTERACTIONS WITH CHILDREN							
(7)(c)	A provider shall provide positive guidance and redirection for the children and set clear limits for the children.						
(7)(d)	A provider shall help each child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for the rights of others.						
(7)(e)	If provider uses time-out periods to deal with unacceptable behavior, a time-out may not exceed 3 minutes and may not be used for children under 3 years of age. For purposes of this paragraph, "time-out" is an interruption of unacceptable behavior by the removal of the child from the situation, not to isolate the child, but to allow the child an opportunity to pause, and with support from the provider, reflect on behavior and gain self-control.						
(7)(f)	A provider may not punish a child for lapses in toilet training.						
(7)(g)	A provider shall respond promptly to a crying infant or toddler's needs.						
(7)(h)	A provider shall provide physical contact and attention to each infant and toddler throughout the day, including holding, rocking, talking to, singing to, and taking on walks inside and outside the home.						
(7)(i)	A provider shall periodically change the position and location in the room of a non-mobile child who is awake.						
202.08(8) ACTIVITIES							
(8)(a)	A provider shall plan activities so that each child may be able to do all of the following:						
(8)(a)1.	Be successful and feel good about himself or herself.						
(8)(a)2.	Use and develop language.						
(8)(a)3.	Use large and small muscles.						
(8)(a)4.	Learn new ideas and skills.						
(8)(a)5.	Participate in imaginative play.						
(8)(b)	A provider shall offer daily activities according to the age and developmental level of the children in care and shall include a flexible balance of all the following:						
(8)(b)1.	Daily indoor and outdoor activities, except when outdoor activities are not required during inclement weather or when not advisable for health reasons.						
(8)(b)2.	Active and quiet play.						
(8)(b)3.	Protection from excess fatigue and overstimulation.						
(8)(b)4.	Individual and group activities.						
(8)(b)5.	At least 15 minutes of reading to the children daily.						
(8)(b)6.	Opportunities for a non-walking child who can creep or crawl to move freely in a safe, clean, open, warm and uncluttered area each day.						
(8)(c)	A provider may use television only to supplement daily activities for children. No child may be required to watch television.						

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202.08(8m)	EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS; CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE OPERATORS						
(8m)(a)	* The certified child care home has safe indoor and outdoor play equipment that meets the following conditions:						
(8m)(a)1.	* The play equipment is scaled to the size and developmental level of the children in care.						
(8m)(a)2.	* The play equipment is constructed in a sturdy manner and is in good operating condition with no sharp, rough, loose or pointed edges.						
(8m)(b)	* Indoor and outdoor areas used for child care shall include sufficient space for play and for activities that meet the developmental needs of the children in care. Various types of play equipment are provided to allow for large and small muscle activity, dramatic play and intellectual stimulation.						
(8m)(c)	* Indoor play equipment is provided to allow each child a choice of at least 3 activities involving equipment when all children are using equipment.						
(8m)(d)	* Outdoor play equipment is provided to allow each child at least one activity when all children are using equipment at the same time.						
(8m)(e)	* No trampolines or inflatable bounce surfaces on the premises may be accessible to children or used by children in care.						
202.08(9) TRANSPORTATION							
(9)(b)	Before transporting a child, an operator shall obtain signed permission from the parent for transportation and emergency information for each child. The form shall include all of the following information:						
(9)(b)1.	The purpose of the transportation and the parent or guardian's permission to transport the child for that purpose.						
(9)(b)2.	The length of time the child will be transported.						
(9)(b)3.	An address and telephone number where a parent or other adult can be reached in an emergency.						
(9)(b)4.	The name, address, and telephone number of the child's health care provider.						
(9)(b)5.	Written consent from the child's parent for emergency medical treatment.						
(9)(c)	An operator shall ensure a written list of children being transported, copies of completed permissions, and emergency information for each child being transported is maintained at the premises and in any vehicle transporting children while the children are being transported.						
*(9)(d)	The driver of a vehicle used to transport children in care shall be at least 18 years of age, have at least one year of driving experience, and hold a valid driver's license for the state where the driver resides and for the type of vehicle driven						
(9)(e)	Before a driver who is not the operator first transports children, the operator shall review all of the following with the driver:						
(9)(e)1.	The procedure for ensuring that all children are properly restrained in the appropriate child safety seat.						

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202.08(9) TRANSPORTATION							
(9)(e)2.	The procedure for loading, unloading, and tracking of children being transported.						
(9)(e)3.	The procedure for evacuating the children from a vehicle in an emergency.						
(9)(e)4.	Behavior management techniques for use with children being transported.						
(9)(e)5.	Applicable statutes and rules affecting transportation of children.						
(9)(e)6.	First aid procedures.						
(9)(e)7.	Child abuse and neglect laws and reporting procedures.						
(9)(e)8.	Information on any special needs a child being transported may have and the plan for how those needs will be met.						
(9)(e)9.	Vehicle alarm operation, if applicable.						
*(9)(f)1.	Prior to the day a driver first transports children in care, the operator shall submit to the certification agency a copy of the driving record for each driver and obtain approval of the driver from the certification agency.						
(9)(f)2	In determining whether a driver may pose a threat to the children, the certification worker shall consider the totality of the driver's record, any other relevant facts, and the following factors in combination: a. The seriousness of any accidents or violations. b. The amount of time that has passed since an accident or violation occurred. c. The number of accidents or violations. d. The likelihood that a similar incident will occur.						
(9)(f)3.	A driver whose driving record indicates that the driver poses a threat to the children may not transport children.						
*(9)(g)1.	Except as provided in subd. 2., a driver of a vehicle that is transporting children in care may not use a cellular phone or other wireless telecommunication device while loading, unloading, or transporting children, except when the vehicle is out of traffic, not in operation, and any of the following applies:						
(9)(g)1.a.	The phone or device is used to call 911.						
(9)(g)1.b.	The phone or device is used to communicate with emergency responders.						
(9)(g)1.c.	The phone or device is used to communicate with the certified child care operator or a provider regarding an emergency situation.						
(9)(g)2.	A navigation device may be used during transportation of children if the device is programmed to a destination when the vehicle is out of traffic and not in operation.						
9)(h)	The operator shall ensure that each vehicle that is used to transport children is all of the following:						
(9)(h)1.	Registered with the Wisconsin department of transportation or the appropriate authority in another state.						
(9)(h)2.	Clean, uncluttered, and free of obstruction on the floors, aisles, and seats.						
(9)(h)3.	In safe operating condition						

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202.08(9) TRANSPORTATION							
(9)(i)	The operator shall obtain and maintain vehicle liability insurance with minimums no less than those specified in subch. VI. of ch. 344 Stats. The operator shall maintain proof of insurance and make this information available to the certification worker upon request.				**		
<i>*(9)(j)</i>	No person may transport a child under the 8 years of age in a motor vehicle, unless the child is restrained in a child safety restraint system that is appropriate to the child's age and size in accordance with s. 347.48, Stats., and ch. Trans 310.				**		
<i>*(9)(k)1.</i>	Each child who is not required to be in an individual child car safety seat or booster seat when being transported under par. (j) shall be properly restrained by a seat belt in an operating vehicle in accordance with 347.48, Stats., and ch. Trans 315.				**		
<i>*(9)(k)2.</i>	Each adult shall be properly restrained by a seat belt in an operating vehicle in accordance with 347.48, Stats., and ch. Trans 315.				**		
<i>*(9)(k)3.</i>	Seat belts may not be shared.						
(9)(L)	Children transported in school buses or vehicles built to school bus standards shall be properly seated according to the manufacturer's specifications.						
(9)(m)	The operator shall be responsible for a child from the time the child is placed in a vehicle until the child reaches his or her destination and is released to a person responsible for the child.						
(9)(n)	Children may not be left unattended in a vehicle.						
(9)(nm)	Children under 13 years of age may not ride in the front seat of a vehicle.						
(9)(o)	Rides to and from the certified child care, field trips, or other program activities may not exceed 60 minutes each way.						
<i>*(9)(p)</i>	A vehicle shall be equipped with a child safety alarm that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting if all of the following conditions apply:				**		
(9)(p)1.	The vehicle is owned or leased by the operator or a contractor of the operator.						
(9)(p)2.	The vehicle has a seating capacity of 6 or more passengers plus the driver. The seating capacity of the vehicle shall be as determined by the manufacturer.						
(9)(p)3.	The vehicle is used to transport children in care.						
<i>*(9)(q)</i>	No person may shut off a child safety alarm unless the driver first inspects the vehicle to ensure that no child is left unattended in the vehicle.				**		
<i>*(9)(r)</i>	The child safety alarm shall be in good working order each time the vehicle is used for transporting children.				**		
(9)(s)	At least annually, the operator shall make each vehicle that is required to have a child safety alarm under par. (p) available to the child care certification worker to determine whether the child safety alarm is in good working order.				**		

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202.08(10) MEALS AND SNACKS	A child care provider shall ensure that each child receives proper nourishment while in child care as follows:							
(10)(a)	Each child shall be served one meal or snack at least once every 3 hours. Each meal and snack shall meet the U.S. department of agriculture child and adult care food program minimum meal requirements. https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks							
(10)(b)	Each child in attendance for 4 or more hours shall be served a meal.							
(10)(bm)	Enough food shall be prepared for each meal, so second portions of vegetables, fruit, grains, and milk are available to children.							
(10)(c)	A child that is unable to hold a bottle is held whenever a bottle is given. Bottles may not be propped.							
202.08(11) REST	A child care provider shall ensure that each child has a clean, comfortable and safe place to rest as follows:							
*(11)(a)	Each child shall be allowed to have undisturbed rest or a nap, when needed, in a place that is clean, safe and comfortable.							
*(11)(b)	Each child shall have a personal clean sheet or blanket or both and pillowcase if a pillow is used.							
*(11)(c)	To reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, each infant shall be placed to sleep on his or her back, unless otherwise directed by the child's physician. All sleeping arrangements for children under one year of age shall use firm mattresses.							
*(11)(d)	A safe crib or playpen with a tight-fitting mattress with a tight-fitting covering shall be available for each child under one year of age to use for napping or sleeping. The crib or playpen may not contain soft or loose materials, such as sheepskins, pillows, blankets, flat sheets, bumper pads, bibs, pacifiers with attached soft objects or stuffed animals. A certified family child care operator shall ensure that each crib used by a child in care satisfies the applicable federal safety standards in 16 CFR Part 1219 or 1220. Note: A crib that was manufactured or sold before June 28, 2011, may not satisfy the crib safety standards in 16 CFR Part 1219 or 1220.							
202.08(12) PROVIDER AND PARENT COMMUNICATION								
(12)	The operator shall be in ongoing communication with a child's parent or ensure that a substitute provider is in ongoing communication with a child's parent by doing all of the following:							
(12)(a)	Allow parents to visit and observe the program of child care during any hours that care is provided.							
(12)(b)	Talk to each child's parent at least once a week about the child's development, activities, likes, dislikes.							
(12)(c)	Develop a written contract that specifies the charge for child care and the expected frequency of payment for service. The contract shall be signed by the operator and a parent or guardian.							

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202.08(12) PROVIDER AND PARENT COMMUNICATION							
(12)(d)	Make a copy of the applicable certification standards available to each parent.						
(12)(e)	* Displaying a copy of the certificate in an area easily seen by parents and visitors, unless the operator is a certified in-home child care operator.						
*(12)(f)	Prior to a child's first day of attendance for any child in care, obtaining information on a form prescribed by the department with enrollment and health history information, including all of the following:						
*(12)(f)1.	The parents' home and work phone numbers.						
*(12)(f)2.	Health history, including information relating to a child's special health care needs and emergency care plan.						
*(12)(f)3.	The parents' signed consent for emergency medical care.						
*(12)(f)4.	A name and number to call if the child requires emergency medical care.						
(12)(g)	Using information obtained on the department-provided "child care intake for child under 2 years" form, which collects essential information for infants and toddlers, to individualize the program of care for each child under 2 years of age.						
(12)(h)	Informing parents of any disciplinary action taken or injury that occurred during child care hours.						
(12)(i)	Informing the parent in writing whether the premises and the child care business are covered by a child care liability insurance policy.						
(12)(k)	Notifying the parent in advance of the date, time, and destination of a field trip that is not considered part of the regularly scheduled program.						
202.08(13) DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED							
(13)	No operator may discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, creed, disability, religion, or national origin or ancestry in accepting children or in employment of employees.						
202.08(14) MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING							
*(14)	A provider who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child in care has been abused or neglected or that the child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect will occur shall immediately inform the county department, local law enforcement, or other organization designated in s. 48.981, Stats.						

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202.08(15) CONFIDENTIALITY							
(15)(a)	An operator shall ensure that persons having access to children’s records do not discuss or disclose personal information regarding the children and facts learned about the children and their relatives. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:						
(15)(a)1.	The parent.						
(15)(a)2.	Any person, business, school, social services provider, medical provider, or other agency or organization if written parental consent has been given.						
(15)(a)3.	Agencies authorized under s. 48.78, Stats.						
(15)(b)	All records required under this chapter for certification purposes shall be available to the child care certification worker.						

I will submit an application and other required materials to the certification agency within the timeline specified by the certification agency. Failure to submit re-certification materials to the agency may jeopardize payments from the Wisconsin Shares Subsidy Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

I attest that all information given on this checklist is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I understand the above standards and that I must comply with these standards to maintain my certification.

SIGNATURE – Applicant / Operator	Date Signed
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SIGNATURE – Certification Worker	Date Signed
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Date of Monitoring Visit (if applicable)	Visit Start Time	Visit End Time
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