

TO: Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Home programs

FROM: Office of Early Childhood (OEC) – Division of Licensing

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RE: Updates to statutes and regulations concerning child care centers and group child care homes

The OEC posts [Statutes and Regulations for Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes](#) on the [Licensing for Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes](#) section of the OEC website. There you'll find the statutes revised to January 1 of odd numbered years, which should be read in conjunction with Public Acts that have been enacted since the last revision date. The most recent update includes statutes revised to January 1, 2025, and a summary of the major changes impacting child care centers and group child care homes is listed below:

1. **CGS Sec. 19a-77(b)(14) and (b)(15):** Added two new exemptions to licensure: programs that exclusively provide care for children of military members; and programs administered by the Police Athletic League of Stamford.
2. **CGS Sec. 8-2(d):** Municipalities may not prohibit the operation of group child care homes in residences or require a special zoning permit or exception to operate such facilities.
3. **CGS Sec. 8-3j:** Zoning regulations are prohibited from treating any licensed residential group child care home differently from a single or multifamily dwelling.
5. **CGS Sec. 19a-80(b)(1):** Group child care homes located in a residence shall include an inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning.
6. **CGS Sec. 19a-80(b)(4):** Municipalities are prohibited from imposing additional conditions on licensed group child care homes located in a residence.
7. **CGS Sec. 10-514(b):** Programs who serve school-age children exclusively do not need to post a copy of the developmental milestones document.
8. **CGS Sec. 10-533:** The OEC shall develop a document for licensed center/group and family providers explaining the benefits of maintaining liability insurance coverage and the consequences of not having such coverage. This document must be distributed annually (electronically) to each licensee and was sent to all licensed providers at the beginning of 2025. See [How Insurance Can Protect Your Finances](#)

9. **CGS Sec. 17a-248n:** A licensed child care provider must allow a child with an individualized family service plan who is eligible for birth-to-three to receive services at the program from the service provider.

As a reminder, since such time that DPH updated the regulation concerning emergency distribution of potassium iodide, the changes have been incorporated in the final regulations for child care centers and group child care homes. These regulations are authorized under CGS 19a-131K pertaining to responding to public health emergencies and apply to programs located within a ten-mile radius of the Millstone Power Station in Waterford, CT during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. The key changes are:

1. Facilities are required to notify all current and new families, and all current and new employees, of the statutory requirement to provide KI and then secure written permission or objection to administer it. Ingestion of KI is voluntary.
2. Facilities are required to have a designated staff person to be responsible for storing and distributing KI.
3. Facilities are required to follow current FDA guidelines and dosage instructions which are subject to change: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/bioterrorism-and-drug-preparedness/potassium-iodide-ki>

An updated permission form can be found on our website under First Aid/CPR/Medication Administration: [KI-Permission-form-and-fact-sheet.pdf](#).

