

Child Care Health Consultant Requirements and Profiles by State

Compiled by the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education,
August 2010, from the NRC State Licensing Database

	Required	Type of Consultant	Type of Facility			Frequency of Visits		
			Center	Home	Mildly Ill	Center	Home	Mildly Ill
AL	No							
AK	No							
AZ	No							
AR	No							
CA	Yes	Health consultant: Physician or RN with pediatric experience/training obtained within the last five years			X			Health consultation shall occur quarterly or more often, if necessary, and not less than semiannually.
CO	Yes	RN with knowledge and experience in maternal and child health, a PNP or a FNP, or a pediatrician	X		X (w/in centers)	At least once a month; in part-day preschools that operate less than four hours per day or drop-in child care centers, consultation must occur as often as the nurse delegating medications requires. A residential facility shall have a primary physician.		
CT	Yes	Physician, PA, APRN or RN holding a current and valid license in this or another state	X	X (group)		At a minimum, quarterly site visits to facilities that serve children three years of age and older; or for facilities that operate no more than three hours per day or facilities that enroll only school age children, semi-annual site visits. Once a week for children up to twenty-four months of age; once a week for children two to three years of age attending a full day; and once a month for children two to three years of age attending part day programs.	At least semi-annual or once a week for children up to twenty-four months of age; once a week for children two to three years of age attending a full day; and once a month for children two to three years of age attending part day programs. (Group homes)	
DC	No							

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DE	Yes	Health care provider	X			Routine and emergency visits or when the licensee employs a RN licensed in DE to provide health services or arrangements have been made with a certified CCHC who is also a RN in DE.		
FL	Yes	FL licensed pediatric physician; a FL licensed family practitioner; a PA; an ARNP with appropriate pediatric experience; or a RN with experience in pediatric nursing.			X			Update policies annually; quarterly onsite monitoring
GA	No							
HI	Yes	Physician, health advisory group, or other health resource	X	X (group)		Infant/toddler centers: contract with a physician or non-profit health organization	Group homes: contract with a physician or non-profit health organization	
ID	Yes	Physician and a licensed treatment professional including either a licensed psychologist, certified social worker, marriage and family counselor, or professional counselor	X (therapeutic outdoor program)			Be available to program participants upon the recommendation of the field director or senior field staff		
IL	Yes	Physician, RN, LPN, or PA with training in infant care	X (serving infants and toddlers)			At least weekly during permit period, monthly thereafter		
IN	Yes	Physician, a certified PNP or FNP, or a RN with pediatric or out of home child care experience	X			As needed		

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IA	Yes	Medical advisor: MD, DO			X				The center shall have a medical advisor for the center's health policy. A center shall have a licensed LPN or RN on duty at all times that children are present. If the nurse on duty is an LPN, the medical advisor or an RN shall be available in the proximate area as defined in state board of nursing rules.
KS	Yes	Public health nurse	X		X (w/i centers)	Consult on written plans for sick care			Consult on written plans for sick care
KY	No								
LA	No								
ME	Yes	Physician, a nurse practitioner, PA, or nurse with pediatric or child care experience.	X			Establish a contract with a health consultant			
MD	Yes	RN, a PNP or FNP, or a pediatrician	X			Established relationship			
MA	Yes	MA licensed physician, RN, nurse practitioner, or PA with pediatric or family health training	X (large group and school age child care)			Be available as needed; approve the program's health care plan at initial licensure and at each renewal			
MI	No								
MN	Yes	Physician, public health nurse, or RN licensed in MN	X		X	Initial licensure review and every year thereafter; monthly for centers that care for infants			Review policies quarterly
MS	No								
MO	No								
MT	No								
NE	No								
NV	Yes	Physician			X				Be on call, make quarterly inspections
NH	No								

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NJ	Yes	NJ licensed physician			X			Provide medical advice and assistance on an on-call basis, approve written policies and procedures
NM	No							
NY	Yes	Health care consultant	X (inf/todd and med admin)	X (med admin)	X	At least once during each licensing period	Approve medication administration plan for those providers who choose to offer such service	At least once during each licensing period
NC	Yes	Mildly Ill: child care health consultant or other health care professional. Medically Fragile: physician who is a pediatrician, neonatologist, or who holds another pediatric subspecialty			X (and medically fragile)			Mildly Ill: review of policies/procedures prior to licensure; Medically Fragile: quarterly review of services
ND	Yes	Medical consultant	X	X	X	Be available regarding special care and medication for CSHCN and ill children	Be available regarding special care and medication for CSHCN and ill children	Be available regarding special care and medication for CSHCN and ill children
OH	No							
OK	Yes	Health professional			X			Ongoing
OR	No							
PA	No							
RI	Yes	Nurse (<18 mo.); physician or RN	X			Centers serving infants <18 months shall have a nurse on the premises a minimum of three hours per day at a time when most of the children are received for care. Centers serving infants 18 mo. of age and older shall have a consultant readily available.		
SC	No							
SD	No							
TN	Yes	Licensed family, internal medicine, or pediatric physician, or a nurse practitioner/clinician with specialization in family or pediatric medicine			X			Review protocols at least annually and available on an ongoing basis

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UT	No							
VT	No							
VI	No							
VA	No							
WA	Yes	RN who has either worked in pediatrics or public health in the past year or has taken or taught classes in pediatric nursing at the college level in the past five years	X (with >3 infants)			At least once a month, on-call as needed		
WV	Yes		X			Identified available consultant when needed		
WI	Yes	Physician or local health department			X (w/i group and family centers)			Identified available consultant when needed
WY	No							