New Liability Insurance and Permit Renewal Requirements for Licensed and Registered Child Care Homes

On August 16, 2019, Child Care Regulation (CCR) sent an email to notify you that CCR posted a chart on the Minimum Standards webpage summarizing the bills passed during the 86th Texas Legislature (2019) that would impact your child care operation. Included in that chart was information pertaining to Senate Bill (S.B.) 568, with guidance that you would not need to comply with its provisions until CCR developed processes and rules necessary to implement the bill.

CCR has now developed the processes to support implementation of portions of S.B. 568 related to permit renewal and liability insurance. The purpose of this document is to communicate:

- How CCR will evaluate repeated and recited deficiencies when processing renewal applications as required by Human Resources Code (HRC) §42.052(f-2); and
- IT changes you may see in your online provider account that will support later implementation of liability insurance requirements outlined in HRC §42.049.

The information below explains the specific requirements from S.B. 568 and HRC §42.052(f-2) and §42.049 and the current implementation status of these requirements. At this time, you do not need to take any actions to comply with the requirements.

Permit Renewal

S.B 568 and HRC Requirement:

- CCR must evaluate each operation’s licensing history for repeated violations or patterns of violations during the two years previous to the permit renewal.
- CCR may place restrictions, conditions, or additional requirements on the license before renewing the permit.
Status of Implementation:
Beginning December 6, 2020, CCR will do the following when processing your permit renewal application:

- Evaluate compliance history from the previous two years to determine if you have repeated violations or an established pattern of violations; and
- Depending on the results of the evaluation of any patterns in the recited and repeated deficiencies, CCR may place restrictions, conditions, or additional requirements on the license when renewing the permit.

No action is needed on your part unless CCR notifies you that restrictions, conditions, or additional requirements were added to your license at the time your permit is renewed.

Liability Insurance
S.B 568 and HRC Requirement:

- Licensed and registered child care homes must provide proof of liability insurance to CCR and verify coverage annually.
- Licensed and registered child care homes must notify all parents/guardians if the provider does not provide liability insurance or discontinues coverage.

Status of Implementation:

CCR is developing rules to support the implementation of these statutory requirements. CCR anticipates that rules will be effective in the spring of 2021.

On December 6, 2020, you may see changes to your online provider account. An update is being made to add functionality for collecting information about liability insurance coverage in preparation for the rule changes.

You do not need to take any action at this time. In spring 2021, CCR will provide more information on how to comply with the rules and how to use the new functionality in your online provider account.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your CCR inspector or your local CCR office.