



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
10/11/2022

DVN
002004806

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-300.050 (11)

In case of an accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify a parent immediately. If a child requires emergency medical care, a parent's prior written instructions shall be followed. A form shall be completed indicating the circumstances and the date and time of the injury. The form shall be signed by the caregiver and his/her supervisor. A copy of the form shall be given to the parent the day of the accident or injury and necessary explanations shall be given. The form shall be filed in the child's record.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On October 11, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received the allegation that on September 9, 2022, a parent received no notification when an incident occurred and was told on the way out the door at pick up. After conducting the investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Ian Fyfe found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-300.050 (11) which states: "In case of an accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify a parent immediately. If a child requires emergency medical care, a parent's prior written instructions shall be followed. A form shall be completed indicating the circumstances and the date and time of the injury. The form shall be signed by the caregiver and his/her supervisor. A copy of the form shall be given to the parent the day of the accident or injury and necessary explanations shall be given. The form shall be filed in the child's record."

On January 18, 2023, Michael Price and Cheri Price stated that they were familiar with the reported concerns. In September, an incident occurred when Child A was running on the playground when he fell. An accident report was completed by Ms. Price but Parent A (parent of Child A) was not notified immediately of Child A's accident and injury. The facility did not notify the parents of injured children unless the child's injury required medical attention. However, since this incident, they have started contacting parents immediately when incidents occur.

On January 18, 2023, caregiver Stefanie Foeller stated that if a child is involved in an accident at the facility, the parents of the child are informed at pick up, but not immediately following the incident.

On January 18, 2023, CI Fyfe received and observed two accident reports for Child A.

The first accident report dated September 7, 2022, notes that at 10:50am, Child A was running when he fell and scratched his cheek on the rocks. Under the action taken section, it notes that Child A's injury was cleaned and that ointment was applied. The time that the parent was notified was noted as when picked up.

The second accident report dated September 12, 2022, notes that at 4:05 pm, another child put their arms around Child A and threw Child A to the ground and that Child A scratched his cheek when he fell. Under the action taken section, it notes that Child A's injury was cleaned and that ointment was applied. The time that the parent was notified was noted as when picked up.

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-300.050 (10)(A)

All medication shall be given to a child only with the dated, written permission of a parent, stating the length of time the medication may be given.

5 CSR 25-300.050 (10)(G)

The date and time(s) of administration, the name of the individual giving the medication and the quantity of medication given shall

be recorded promptly after administration. This form shall be filed in the child's record after the medication is no longer necessary.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On October 11, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received the allegation that on September 12, 2022, a cleaner referred to as "giggle juice" was applied to Child A's (4-years-old) injury without parental permission. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Ian Fyfe found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-300.050 (10)(A) which states: "All medication shall be given to a child only with the dated, written permission of a parent, stating the length of time the medication may be given."

AND

5 CSR 25-300.050 (10)(G) which states: "The date and time(s) of administration, the name of the individual giving the medication and the quantity of medication given shall be recorded promptly after administration. This form shall be filed in the child's record after the medication is no longer necessary."

On January 18, 2023, Michael Price and Cheri Price stated that in September, an incident occurred when Child A was running on the playground when he fell. When Child A fell, he received a small scratch on his cheek. To help treat Child A's injury, staff applied an antiseptic ointment to Child A's face. A few days later, Child A had another accident in which they re-opened a scab and more ointment was given to Child A. If it was needed after an accident, the staff would treat the children with an ointment if they had some in the facility. Mr. Price calls the ointment "giggle juice" so that the children are less upset when they are hurt.

On January 18, 2023, caregiver Stefanie Foeller stated that she was aware of an antiseptic ointment being applied to Child A by either Mr. Price or Mrs. Price.

On January 18, 2023, CI Fyfe received and observed two accident reports created for Child A and no parent permission on file for administering ointment as medication.

The first accident report dated September 7, 2022, notes that at 10:50am, Child A was running when he fell and scratched his cheek on the rocks. Under the action taken section, it notes that Child A's injury was cleaned and that ointment was applied.

The time that the parent was notified was noted as when picked up.

The second accident report dated September 12, 2022, notes that at 4:05 pm, another child put their arms around Child A and threw Child A to the ground and that Child A scratched his cheek when he fell. Under the action taken section, it notes that Child A's injury was cleaned and that ointment was applied. The time that the parent was notified was noted as when picked up.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all license-exempt rules and regulations regarding accidents, injuries, and administering medication. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/3/2023

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/3/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

1/22/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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