



Health and Safety Requirements Overview

This resource provides an overview of the health and safety requirements for Tribes who administer Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) programs. Tribes must demonstrate full implementation of these requirements effective October 1, 2019. The health and safety requirements include the requirement for Tribes with small, medium, and large allocations to define, develop, and implement health and safety standards in effect for any CCDF provider receiving CCDF funds. Additionally, Tribes will need to ensure training and professional development on the required health and safety standards is implemented. Finally, Tribes will need to have monitoring and enforcement processes in place to ensure that standards are being met and training requirements are being completed.



All Tribal Lead Agencies must certify that there are in effect health and safety requirements applicable to providers serving CCDF children and that those requirements are under Tribal, local, or state law. The table below lists the health and safety requirements for Tribes in the 2016 CCDF Final Rule.

Health and Safety Topics	Health and Safety Requirements (CCDBG Act of 2014)	Health and Safety Standards Topics (2016 CCDF Final Rule)	Health and Safety Required Training Topics	Health and Safety Monitoring and Enforcement Required
The prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations);	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic;	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or a man-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of biocontaminants;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Appropriate precautions in transporting children, if applicable;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.		✓	✓	✓
Child development (including the major domains – cognitive, social, emotional, physical development and approaches to learning).			✓	✓

Additional health and safety requirements include:

- ◆ Tribal Lead Agencies must establish standards appropriate to the age of children served and the type of care setting on the following:
 - Staff-child ratios;
 - Group size; and
 - Caregiver qualifications.
- ◆ Tribes must ensure that all child care staff members, prospective staff members, and contracted staff members of ALL providers receiving CCDF funds meet the criminal background check requirements under the 2016 CCDF final rule.

Note: Tribes may choose to exempt relative care providers from some or all of the health and safety requirements, provided that the relative care providers meet the definition of relative under the CCDF final rule AND that those relatives provide care ONLY to related children. All Tribes also have the flexibility to submit an alternative monitoring approach and/or alternative approach to meet the criminal background checks, subject to ACF approval.