

**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*January 5, 2016*

**Department:** Department of Health and Senior Services

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**Report as of** December 22, 2015

- **Action Items In-progress/Pending:**
  
- **Announcements:**

*Emergency Rules related to Safe Sleep for Infants*

During the last legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 341. This bill impacts licensed child care providers regarding safe sleep for children less than one (1) year of age. On August 28, 2015 this bill became law and can be found in Section 210.223, RSMo. Highlights of the bill include:

- Requires child care facilities licensed to care for children under 12 months of age to implement and maintain a written safe sleep policy that meets the most recent safe sleep recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP);
- Requires written instructions from a licensed health care provider when an infant requires alternative sleep positions or special sleeping arrangements;
- Requires successful completion of department-approved safe sleep training on the most recent AAP recommendations every three (3) years;
- Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate rules to meet the statutory requirements.

On November 10, 2015, the Department filed emergency amendments and proposed amendments to its regulations related to safe sleep, as authorized by Section 210.223, RSMo. The emergency amendments went into effect on November 20, 2015. The emergency amendments are posted on the Section for Child Care Regulation's (SCCR) Internet page and can be found at <http://www.health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/lawsregs.php>.

Licensed child care facilities are now required to develop, implement and maintain a safe sleep policy which must be provided to parents who have children less than one (1) year of age at the time of enrollment. SCCR has developed safe sleep FAQ's, as well as a sample safe sleep policy to assist child care providers in their understanding and compliance of the new requirements.

The Child Care Enrollment form has been revised to include parental acknowledgement stating that they have been notified, have been informed and have received a copy of the facility's safe sleep policy, when enrolling a child less than one (1) year of age. The Infant and Toddler Feeding and Care form has been revised to clarify the use of pacifiers and the instructions for sleeping. Both

revised forms may be found on SCCR's website  
at <http://www.health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/forms.php>.

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