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TO: Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes

FROM: Jeffrey S. Williams, Assistant Superintendent - Child Care Health and Safety, Virginia Department of Education

SUBJECT: Updated Health and Safety Checklist: Safe Sleep Practices

This memo is a reminder of updates to the Health and Safety checklist referenced in a [memo](#) that was distributed to Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes on June 17, 2024.

[House Bill 358](#), passed during the 2024 General Assembly session, required the Department of Education to update the Health and Safety Checklist for any voluntarily registered family day home to include safe sleep practices. The updated version of the [checklist](#) is available on the Department's [website](#) and is now included as a form in [8VAC20-850](#). Each Voluntarily Registered Family Day Home provider shall ensure compliance with the updated checklist and complete the updated checklist at the time of initial or renewal certification effective September 1, 2024.

Please contact your Licensing Inspector with any questions.