



Child Care Provider CPR/First Aid Requirements

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) child care licensing rules state that at least one caregiver with current certification in age-appropriate First Aid and CPR training be on site at all times. Centers must also have a caregiver with current certification for every 20 children in the licensed capacity of the center. This fact sheet will help child care providers understand and meet these requirements.

Effective January 1, 2014

According to American Red Cross and American Heart Association standards:

- Online-only First Aid or CPR training will *NOT* be accepted. “Blended” training—online study plus hands-on skill practice and assessment will be accepted.
- Per Rule 19 CSR 30-62.102 (1) (O) and 19 CSR 30-61.105 (1) (N), child care personnel must meet the requirements for “age-appropriate” First Aid and CPR. Only PEDIATRIC First Aid and PEDIATRIC CPR will be accepted.

Which certifications are acceptable to meet the Rule?

Any American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or American Safety and Health Institute certification meets the requirements. In addition, any certification advertised on the Missouri Workshop Calendar or otherwise DHSS approved for clock hours may be used to meet the requirements of the rule. Only the certification card is required. A training certificate is not needed to meet the rule.

Which First Aid or CPR training sessions are approved for clock hours for child care providers in Missouri?

Only First Aid and CPR training that is approved through the Missouri Workshop Calendar or is otherwise approved by DHSS is accepted for clock hours. A training certificate with the training approval number or a MOPD electronic record is required. If you have any questions regarding the approval status of First Aid or CPR training, please contact the Section for Child Care Regulation at CCTraining@health.mo.gov or by calling 573.751.2450.

What are the age requirements for Pediatric First Aid and CPR and what if my certification says Infant/Child?

Pediatric is a general term for infant and child so Infant/Child certifications are acceptable. Pediatric First Aid and CPR is required when a facility is licensed for children under age 13. If the facility is licensed for children age 13 and older, Adult CPR is required.

Note: Certifications received BEFORE January 1, 2014 may consist of general First Aid (instead of Pediatric First Aid) or online-only First Aid. Any certifications received on or after January 1, 2014 may NOT be “online-only” and MUST include PEDIATRIC certification.