ASSOCIATION; OR THROUGH A PROGRAM WITH EQUIVALENT STANDARDS APPROPRIATE FOR THE AGES OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM CARE IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY DAY CARE HOME.

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(a)   The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating child care centers.

(b)   These rules and regulations shall:

(1)   ensure safe and sanitary conditions in child care centers;

(2)   ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in child care centers;

(3)   ensure the health of children in child care centers by:

(i)   monitoring children for signs and symptoms of child abuse;

(ii)   instructing licensees and staff concerning child abuse detection and reporting;

(iii)   monitoring health practices to help prevent the spread of disease; and

(iv)   monitoring the care of infants and children with special needs;

(4)   promote the sound growth and development of children in child care centers;

(5)   encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children and facilities having 6 or fewer children required to be licensed under § 5–574 of this subtitle;

(6)   carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this Part VII of this subtitle, including imposition of intermediate sanctions to ensure compliance; [and]

(7)   prohibit a child from remaining at a child care center for more than 14 hours in 1 day unless the Department issues an exception for that child based on guidelines set by the Secretary; AND

(8)   (I)   REQUIRE THAT A CHILD CARE CENTER HAVE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES AT LEAST 1 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING CHILDREN ON FIELD TRIPS, AND WHO HOLDS A CURRENT CERTIFICATE INDICATING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF APPROVED:

1.   BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, OR THROUGH A PROGRAM WITH EQUIVALENT STANDARDS; AND