



Minimum Standards Revision Notice

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To: All Holders of Chapter 747, Minimum Standards for Child-Care Homes

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Subject: New Requirements for Tummy Time Supervision in Child-Care Homes

The new rule is necessary to implement the portion of Senate Bill (S.B.) 225, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, that amended Chapter 42, Human Resources Code by adding Section 42.04291. This new section requires the Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) Executive Commissioner to establish standards for listed family homes and registered and licensed child-care homes for the visual and auditory supervision of an infant engaged in time on the infant's stomach while awake (that is, tummy time). To meet this legislative requirement, HHSC Child Care Regulation adopted a new rule for licensed and registered child-care homes that specifies supervision requirements for when an infant is engaged in tummy time activities.

The changes are effective June 13, 2022.

New Requirements for Tummy Time Supervision in Child-Care Homes

Basic Care Requirements for Infants

§747.2318. What are the requirements when an infant is engaged in tummy time?

New §747.2318:

- Outlines the supervision requirements a licensed or registered child-care home must follow when an infant is engaged in tummy time. The rule requires a licensed or registered child-care home to do the following when an infant is positioned for tummy time activities:
 - Be able to see and hear the infant;
 - Reposition the infant as necessary to maintain the infant's comfort and safety; and
 - Move the infant immediately to the infant's crib and position the infant on the infant's back if the infant falls asleep.
- Adds a Helpful Information box after the rule with:
 - Information about tummy time; and
 - Weblinks to additional tummy time resources on the American Academy of Pediatrics website and the Zero to Three website.

You may view highlighted versions of the adopted rules at [Minimum Standards | Texas Health and Human Services](#).

If you have questions, please contact your CCR inspector or send an email to [HHSC Minimum Standards Comments](#).