



Minimum Standards Revision Notice

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To: All Holders of Chapter 748, Minimum Standards for General Residential Operations

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Subject: Change in Location for Certain Child Care Operations

The amended rules are necessary to implement Texas Human Resources Code (HRC) §42.048(e) and §42.048(e-3) to:

- delete the requirement that a license or certificate is automatically revoked when a general residential operation (GRO) permanently changes location;
- require the GRO to inform HHSC Child Care Regulation (CCR) of the new location before moving there; and
- allow the GRO to operate at the new location after CCR approves the location as meeting all relevant requirements.

The amended rules are also necessary to implement HRC §42.048(e-4), which allows CCR to comply with a local or state order during a declared disaster (as described in Texas Government Code Chapter 418) by authorizing a GRO to temporarily:

- move to a new location not on the GRO's license application; or

- provide care for one or more children at an additional location that is not stated in the GRO's license application.

In November 2022, the Executive Commissioner of HHSC adopted the amended rules to be effective November 23, 2022. No TA period will be given because the requirements have existed in statute since September 2021.

Specific Rule Changes

The amendment to §748.153 adds a cross reference to §745.435 of the same title (relating to What must I do if I relocate my operation after I receive my license or certification?).

The amendment to §748.303 adds new subsection (e)(3) to require a GRO to notify CCR and parents as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after temporarily moving to or providing care at any location not noted on the operation's permit, and renumbers the rule accordingly. In the courtesy publication of Chapter 748, CCR amended the Helpful Information section for §748.303 to clarify who declares a disaster and that the operation must be located in the area impacted by the declared disaster before subsection (e)(3) applies.

Highlighted Versions

You may view highlighted versions of the adopted rules at [Minimum Standards | Texas Health and Human Services](#). CCR is updating the minimum standards courtesy publications and will notify you when the updates are complete.

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