

.30 EXCLUSION FOR ACUTE ILLNESS

A. The provider or substitute shall:

- (1) Monitor children for signs and symptoms of acute illness; and**
- (2) Notify immediately a child's parent or other person designated on the child's emergency card upon observing a sign or symptom of acute illness.**

INTENT: To prevent the spread of illness and to protect all the children in your care, you must observe children for any sign of illness, and notify their parents if a sign of illness appears.

INSPECTION REPORT ITEM: "Children monitored for signs of illness"
"Parent told when child is ill"

COMPLIANCE CRITERIA:

- Each child is monitored throughout the day for signs of illness.
- If a child shows any signs of acute illness, you promptly notify the child's parent or other authorized adult.

ASSESSMENT METHOD: Discussion to determine if and how:

- Children are monitored for illness, and
- A parent is notified when a child appears ill.

B. The provider or substitute may not allow a child to enter or remain in care if the child is exhibiting symptoms of acute illness such as, but not limited to:

- (1) Vomiting;**
- (2) Fever;**
- (3) Seizures;**
- (4) Severe pain; or**
- (5) Diarrhea.**

INTENT: An acutely ill child may (and most likely will) be a source of contagion for other children in care. Therefore, you may not care for sick children. A child who gets sick in your care must not be allowed to remain, and, if possible, should be isolated while waiting for the child's parent to remove him or her.

INSPECTION REPORT ITEM: "Exclusion for acute illness"

COMPLIANCE CRITERIA:

- There are no acutely ill children in attendance, or
- If in attendance, an acutely ill child is separated from the other children and is waiting to be picked up by the child's parent or other authorized adult.

ASSESSMENT METHOD: Observation to determine if any acutely ill child is present.

Notes:

- For help in identifying signs of acute illness, see "[Signs of Illness in Children](#)."
- A history of seizures that are not related to acute illness is not grounds for exclusion from care.
- It is recommended that you inform parents at the time children are enrolled and again at the time they are first admitted of the requirement to exclude children for acute illness. You may wish to consider including a statement to that effect in the written agreement required by Regulation .41C (see corresponding [Section .41C](#) of this Manual).