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Interpretation

Applicable To: **Licensed Day Care Centers**

Policy Citation: 407.310(j) - Employees shall wear disposable latex gloves when treating a wound.

407.340(a) - Each area serving children wearing diapers shall have a designated diapering area which includes at least the following:

407.340(a)(4) - A supply of disposable latex gloves.

407.380(j)(4) - The on-site first-aid kits shall contain the following supplies, at minimum:

407.380(j)(4)(A) - Disposable latex gloves

407.380(j)(7) - In addition to the full first-aid kit maintained at the center, each individual classroom shall stock a supply of latex gloves and adhesive bandages and restock these supplies as needed.

Question: **May disposable gloves of other materials be substituted for latex gloves?**

Discussion: The purpose for use of the disposable latex gloves is to protect against the transmission of blood-borne or other infectious diseases. Other materials may provide an equally effective barrier against such transmission. Rubber, vinyl, plastic, and other synthetic materials are being used to manufacture gloves for such protection.

Response: **Disposable gloves of any nonpermeable material may be used instead of latex gloves.**

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