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Interpretation

Question: Are programs serving children 2 years of age and older who are still in diapers required to have a sink in the room in which the children are receiving care?

Applicable To: Licensed Day Care Centers

Policy Citation: Section 407.210 (c) - A center for infants and toddlers shall have sufficient indoor and outdoor space and appropriate furniture and equipment to provide for support functions necessary to the program.

- 3) A sink or lavatory for the infant/toddler program shall be in the same room for the use of staff for hand washing and for use by the children. Programs that are licensed for infants and toddlers on January 1, 1998 shall come into compliance with this requirement by January 1, 2000.

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

- 1) An accessible hand-washing sink within the same room without barriers such as doors. Facilities licensed for infant care on January 1, 1998 have until January 1, 2000 to come into compliance with this requirement.

(Source: Amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 1728, effective January 1, 1998)

Discussion: The requirement for a sink in the room for purposes of washing hands after diapering is limited to facilities licensed for infant and toddler care and to

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facilities where older children are in diapers and the designated diapering area is in the room in which the children are receiving care. When children are two years of age or older, the designated diapering area may be the bathroom or other area. The sink is required in this designated diapering area.

Response: **Programs serving children 2 years of age and older who are in diapers are required to have a sink in the designated diapering area. The designated diapering area is not required to be in the room in which the children receive care. It may be a bathroom or other designated diapering area in the facility.**