



Mecklenburg County
Health Department

August 24, 2000

To: Sheila Nichols
Ed Norman
Children's Environmental Health Branch

From: Dennis Salmen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Salmen", is written over the name "Dennis Salmen".

Re: Hot water requirement at Day Cares only caring for School-Age children

It has come to my attention that the application of 15A NCAC 18A .2815 (e) Water Supply in the child day care rules has been determined by your office to mean that hot water is not required at day cares only caring for school-age children. My review of .2815(d) and (e) and .2818(b) did not arrive at this conclusion although that may have been the 'intent' of the rule.

.2815(e) states in part that "...that for child care centers serving only school-aged children the 90⁰F (32⁰C) minimum temperature requirement shall not apply". It doesn't state **Child Care centers serving only school-aged children shall not be required to provide hot water at areas accessible to children.** Of course, if hot water was required at those day cares, any temperature would be acceptable but that doesn't imply that only a cold water line would be expected or acceptable to be plumbed to a handsink. .2815(d) clearly states that "Hot and cold water under pressure shall be easily accessible to all rooms where.....including lavatories and diaper changing areas".

Please verify the State's current interpretation of this rule. If the interpretation is that hot water is not required to be piped/plumbed to those handsinks, then I'd strongly recommend the State consider the above language in the next rule revision.

**North Carolina Department of
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September 13, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Salmen, Environmental Health Supervisor,
Mecklenburg County Health Department

FROM: Sheila Nichols, Regional Environmental Health Specialist
Children's Environmental Health Branch

THROUGH: Ed Norman, Program Supervisor
Children's Environmental Health Branch

SUBJECT: Hot Water Requirements for Child Care Centers Serving Only School-Aged
Children.

This memo is in response to your letter dated August 24, 2000 in which you request an interpretation of the hot water requirements for child care centers serving only school-aged children. Although we agree that there is a lack of clarity and potential conflict among rules 15A NCAC 18A .2815 (d) and (e) and .2818 (b), the policy is to only require plumbing for cold water at child accessible handwash lavatories in child care centers serving only school-aged children. In fact, 15A NCAC 18A .2815 (e) was recently amended specifically for this purpose. We hope to clarify these rules and correct any potentially conflicting language in a future rule amendment.

I hope this response has adequately addressed your concerns. Please feel free to call me at (336) 973-8622 or Ed Norman at (919) 715-3293 if you have any further questions.