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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Brandon Hamilton, Environmental Health Specialist
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FROM: Worth Heath, Jr., Regional Environmental Health Specialist
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THROUGH: Ed Norman, Program Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Minimum Kitchens for Separate Child Care Centers

This memo is in response to your letter of October 11, 1999 concerning kitchen requirements for separately licensed child care centers located on the same property. In your example, the centers are under one ownership, but are in two separate buildings.

The Child Care Sanitation rules under 15NCAC 18A .2810 (b) (2) (C) and .2810 (a)(1) do require minimum kitchen for all licensed centers. The second building would require a lavatory, two compartment domestic sink, and a refrigerator at a minimum.

Proposed centers should be required to meet this rule in the future. Regarding existing centers that have no minimum kitchen facilities, it would be deducted as a 6 demerit item under item # 07 on the child care sanitation inspection form (DENR 1617). A compliance visit can be made to advise centers about this policy before their next sanitation inspection. The Division of Child Development may decide to place both buildings on one license, which in most cases would eliminate the need for an additional kitchen.

Thank you for your inquiry about these issues. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at (252) 522-2253.



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