

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

The 2002 Minnesota Legislature passed a bill that allows swimming pools to be used by family and group family child care providers when certain requirements are met. These requirements are specified in Minnesota Statutes section 245A.14, subdivision 11.

A swimming pool may be used only if all of the following requirements are met:

The parent or legal guardian of the child has provided written consent to the license holder which includes a statement that the parent or legal guardian has received and read the document written by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health titled: "Fact Sheet: Risks of Swimming Pools at Child Care Homes," and also includes a statement that the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and the county agency will not monitor or inspect the provider's pool;

The parent or legal guardian has entered into a written contract with the child care provider that specifies that the provider agrees to comply with all the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.14 subdivision 11; and

The provider has not received a correction order or conditional license related to supervision or health and safety of children within the previous 24 months.

Please read the Fact Sheet, as well as the legislation (a link to the statutory language is located at the end of this page) and decide whether or not to permit your child(ren) to use the swimming pool while under the care of your family child care provider.

If you have questions about the changes regarding swimming pools, please contact your local public health department or the Minnesota Department of Health. If you have questions about child care licensing you should contact your local county Social Services Agency, or you may call the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

After completion, please give this form to your child care provider. This form will document your decision.