

December 16, 2025

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Sarah Govig  
705 Madison Street Southeast  
Watertown, MN 55388-4700

License Number 1128280 FCC

## **ORDER OF LICENSE REVOCATION**

Dear Ms. Govig:

Based on the recommendation of Carver County Community Social Services (Carver County), the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is revoking your license to provide family child care at 705 Madison Street Southeast, Watertown, MN. Details of our findings are provided below. Our next steps and your options are also detailed.

### **REASON FOR LICENSE REVOCATION**

#### **1. Commissioner's evaluation of program**

In determining whether a licensing action is warranted, DCYF evaluated the facts, conditions, and circumstances concerning your program's operation. This includes consideration of the well-being of children in your program, available evaluations from consumers of your program, and information about the qualifications of caregivers working in your program. Specifically, because there are significant mental health concerns, because several recent assessments indicated that your current conditions and functioning are not suitable to provide child care services, because you are not allowed to live with children, and because you do not have a current cleared physical to provide care. DCYF has determined that revocation of your license is appropriate based on the violations identified below and the program evaluation.

Legal Authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.10, subdivision 13.

#### **2. Failure to comply with licensing laws and rules**

Carver County determined that you failed to fully comply with the laws and rules that apply to licensed family child care. DCYF has considered the nature, chronicity, or severity of the violations that led to the revocation of your license.

Legal Authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), subparagraph (1).

## **Nature, history and severity of violations**

### ***New violations determined***

Carver County conducted a licensing investigation at your licensed program. The following are new violations that have not been the subject of a previous correction order. If you appeal this order, the following violations *will* be reviewed as a part of the appeal. DCYF considered these violations, as a factor when it determined that revocation of your license is appropriate.

1. Carver County received concerning information regarding your mental health. The information regarding your mental health is concerning to the level that you are not allowed to live with any children or have any unsupervised contact or parenting time of your own children.

Rule Violated: Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0335 subp. 2 (D)

2. Carver County received a letter from your psychiatrist dated August 27, 2025, stating you should be off work for an additional week due to poor sleep, side effects from abrupt discontinuation of medication. Since this letter your physical and mental health has declined.

Subsequently, on November 20, 2025, your psychiatrist sent a letter to Carver County. The letter stated that you are unable to work as a childcare provider due to worsening symptoms and a decline in your mental health.

Carver County received a letter from your day treatment therapist dated November 21, 2025, stating that s/he would not recommend that you provide family child care.

Additionally, in a letter dated November 24, 2025, to Carver County, your therapist stated that you and her both agree that you are not able to provide in home child care services.

You currently do not have a cleared physician's statement to provide care.

Rule Violated: Minnesota Rules part 9502.0355 subp. 2

### ***Previous licensing actions***

The following violations summarize the nature of your previous licensing violations. Because these violations are now conclusive, the individual violations are not within the scope of your appeal rights. Please refer to the previously issued correction orders for further details on these violations. If you do not have copies of these orders, contact your Carver County licensor for assistance. DCYF also considered this history as a factor when it determined that revocation of your license is appropriate.

- September 26, 2025, Temporary Immediate Suspension, which determined children were at an imminent risk of harm.

### ***Severity of violations***

**Due to the serious and chronic nature of these violations and the conditions in the program, which impact the health and safety of children in your care, your license to provide family child care services is revoked.**

## **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have the right to appeal the revocation. Your request must be in writing and clearly state that you are requesting a contested case hearing for this matter. Your request must be made before the deadlines provided below. If you do not meet this deadline, you lose your right to an administrative appeal. The timeline to appeal began when you received this order.

If you are mailing your request, it must be sent by certified mail and postmarked within 10 calendar days from when you received this order. Please send it to:

Commissioner, Department of Children, Youth, and Families  
Office of Inspector General  
Legal Counsel's Office  
Attention: Licensing Legal Unit  
PO Box 64953  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0953

If your request is being personally delivered, it must be received by DCYF within 10 calendar days from when you received this order. Please bring it to:

Commissioner, Department of Children, Youth, and Families  
Office of Inspector General  
Legal Counsel's Office  
Attention: Licensing Legal Unit  
444 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Upon DCYF's receipt of your timely appeal, your case would be scheduled for a contested case hearing in front of an Administrative Law Judge. Following this hearing, the Commissioner of DCYF will issue a final order. If you do not appeal or if the order is affirmed by the Commissioner following a hearing, DCYF is prohibited from issuing you a license for five years. In addition, any additional licenses held by you shall also be revoked.

### **Legal representation at the contested case hearing:**

You do not need a lawyer to appeal. However, a lawyer can help you with your appeal. The state or county will not get you a lawyer and will not pay for a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be able to get free legal advice or help with your appeal. To find out if free help is available, contact: Volunteer Lawyers Network at

612-752-6677; Central Minnesota Legal Services at 612-332-8151; Southern Minnesota Legal Services at 651-222-4731; or go to [www.lawhelpmn.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org) to find a local legal services program that may be able to help you.

You can also find information on contested cases from the Office of Administrative Hearings website at <https://mn.gov/oah/self-help>. Click on Administrative Law Overview, then click on Administrative Law Contested Case Hearing Guide for a list of frequently asked questions.

### **Operating the program pending the outcome of the appeal:**

On September 26, 2025, DCYF issued a Order of Temporary Immediate Suspension on your family child care license. Because the immediate suspension of your license remains in effect, if you appeal the revocation, you continue to be prohibited from operating pending a final order from the Commissioner of DCYF.

### **Questions about CCAP**

If you are a provider registered to receive Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) payments, this revocation order could impact your ability to receive CCAP funding. If your CCAP registration is closed or denied as a result of this Licensing action, you will get a separate notice(s).

If you have questions about:

- Your CCAP registration, and you get a notice telling you your registration is being closed or denied, contact the agency that sent the notice.
- Billing or payments for specific children, contact the county or CCAP agency where the children get CCAP.

### **Prohibition against providing legally unlicensed child care**

**On September 26, 2026, DCYF issued an Order of Temporary Immediate Suspension to your family child care program, which disqualified you from providing legally unlicensed child care. You remain prohibited from providing legally unlicensed child care even if you appeal this order.**

### **Posting of this Licensing Action**

You are required to place this Order of License Revocation in a place that is clearly noticeable to the people receiving services and all visitors to the facility for two years, even if you appeal.

### **Legal authority for this licensing action**

- This action is taken under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.18, subdivision 4, which describes under which conditions DCYF may revoke a license.

- Minnesota Statutes, section 245.095 defines which programs administered by DCYF are included in the exclusion provision, and further defines “excluded,” “individual,” and “provider.”
- License holders have a right to appeal licensing actions and request a contested case hearing, under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612, and Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.20.
- Under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.10, subdivision 14, paragraph (d), subparagraph (3), the commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license if the applicant, license holder, or controlling individual has had a license issued under this chapter or chapter 245A revoked within the past five years.
- Under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.10, subdivision 14, paragraph (d), when a license issued under this chapter is revoked under clause (1) or (3), the license holder and controlling individual may not hold any license under chapter 142B or chapter 245A for five years following the revocation, and other licenses held by the applicant, license holder, or controlling individual shall also be revoked.
- Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.05, subdivision 4, provides that child care provider who has received a license revocation that has not been reversed on appeal may not provide unlicensed child care to non-relatives. Operating a prohibited unlicensed family child care is a misdemeanor under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.05, subdivision 5.
- The requirement to post this order in a clearly visible location is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.18, subdivision 6.

## Questions

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, you may contact Beth Donahue, Supervisor, at 651-431-6565.

Sincerely,



Alexandra Keys, Unit Manager  
Licensing Division  
Office of Inspector General

cc: Tristin Sprengeler, Carver County Community Social Services