

**CHAPTER 26—S.F.No. 978**

*An act relating to human services; changing the requirements for shaken baby syndrome training in licensed child care and child foster care programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 245A.144; 245A.1444; 245A.40, subdivision 5; 245A.50, subdivision 5.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 245A.144, is amended to read:

**245A.144 SUDDEN INFANT DEATH AND SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME FOR CHILD FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS.**

(a) Licensed child foster care providers that care for infants or children through five years of age must document that before staff persons and caregivers assist in the care of infants or children through five years of age, they are instructed on the standards in section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome for infants and young children. This section does not apply to emergency relative foster care under section 245A.035. The training on reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome may be provided as:

(1) orientation training to child foster care providers, who care for infants or children through five years of age, under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3070, subpart 1; or

(2) in-service training to child foster care providers, who care for infants or children through five years of age, under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3070, subpart 2.

(b) Training required under this section must be at least one hour in length and must be completed at least once every five years. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome, means of reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome, and license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome.

(c) Training for child foster care providers must be approved by the county licensing agency and fulfills, in part, training required under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3070.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 245A.1444, is amended to read:

**245A.1444 TRAINING ON RISK OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AND SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME BY OTHER PROGRAMS.**

A licensed chemical dependency treatment program that serves clients with infants or children through five years of age, who sleep at the program and a licensed children's residential facility that serves infants or children through five years of age, must document that before program staff persons or volunteers assist in the care of infants or children through five years of age, they are instructed on the standards in section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby

syndrome. The training conducted under this section may be used to fulfill training requirements under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0100, subpart 3; and 9530.6490, subpart 4, item B.

This section does not apply to child care centers or family child care programs governed by sections 245A.40 and 245A.50.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 245A.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome training.**

(a) License holders must document that before staff persons care for infants, they are instructed on the standards in section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and~~. In addition, license holders must document that before staff persons care for infants or children under school age, they receive training on the risk of shaken baby syndrome. The training in this subdivision may be provided as orientation training under subdivision 1 and in-service training under subdivision 7.

(b) Sudden infant death syndrome reduction training required under this subdivision must be at least ~~one~~ one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every five years. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~, means of reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~ in child care, and license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~.

(c) Shaken baby syndrome training under this subdivision must be at least one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every five years. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to shaken baby syndrome for infants and young children, means to reduce the risk of shaken baby syndrome in child care, and license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of shaken baby syndrome.

(d) The commissioner shall make available for viewing a video presentation on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children. The video presentation must be part of the orientation and annual in-service training of licensed child care ~~centers~~ center staff persons caring for children under school age. The commissioner shall provide to child care providers and interested individuals, at cost, copies of a video approved by the commissioner of health under section 144.574 on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 245A.50, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome training.**

(a) License holders must document that before staff persons, caregivers, and helpers assist in the care of infants, they are instructed on the standards in section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and~~. In addition, license holders must document that before staff persons, caregivers, and helpers assist in the care of infants and children under school age, they receive training on reducing the risk of shaken baby syndrome. The training in this subdivision may be provided as initial training under subdivision 1 or ongoing annual training under subdivision 7.

(b) Sudden infant death syndrome reduction training required under this subdivision must be at least ~~one~~ one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every

five years. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~, means of reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~ in child care, and license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome ~~and shaken baby syndrome~~.

(c) Shaken baby syndrome training required under this subdivision must be at least one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every five years. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to shaken baby syndrome, means of reducing the risk of shaken baby syndrome in child care, and license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of shaken baby syndrome.

(d) Training for family and group family child care providers must be approved by the county licensing agency.

~~(d)~~ (e) The commissioner shall make available for viewing by all licensed child care providers a video presentation on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children. The video presentation shall be part of the initial and ongoing training of licensed child care providers caring for children under school age. The commissioner shall provide to child care providers and interested individuals, at cost, copies of a video approved by the commissioner of health under section 144.574 on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children.

Presented to the governor April 23, 2009

Signed by the governor April 27, 2009, 4:49 p.m.