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Dear Doctor,

We believe it is important for us to have your reassurance that the prospective Provider's health or current medications would not in any way render unsuitable to care for children.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated as it assists us in our assessment and subsequent issuing of a licence to care for children on our behalf.

What does the role of a Family Day Care Educator entail?

A Family Day Care educator is not a babysitter. Demands are very high as educators are expected to provide a safe, secure, nurturing and stimulating environment for the children in their care.

Educators may care for a maximum of seven children at any one time and four of those children may be under preschool age. For the most part, educators work independently within their home based services, occasionally offering excursions to approved locations within the community.

Educators are expected to plan, prepare and deliver age appropriate activities to meet the individual needs of all children in care, whilst complying with Federal and State Government Regulations and Guidelines.

Educators are required to provide a balance of indoor and outdoor activities. They are encouraged to recognise the importance of physical activity for young children and as such they need the physical ability to assist children to climb, run, jump, to catch, throw and kick balls etc.

Caring for young children is rewarding but it can be emotionally demanding. The physical and mental health of the educator must be considered in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of young children in their care.

If you would kindly fill out the attached form. The client can then return the form to our office.

Yours sincerely

S. Foran

Sharon Foran
Manager

Health and Safety Checklist.

Educator's Name:

EDUCATOR'S PHYSICAL ABILITIES	YES	NO	DOCTOR'S COMMENTS
Educator needs to be able to interact with children at the child's eye level (can kneel or bend knees easily)			
Educator needs to sit on floors & at ground level with children (can do this & then regain stance without effort)			
Educator needs to be able to bend & to lift children onto nappy change tables & into & out of cots frequently during the day (bending & lifting can occur without effort)			
Educator is required to be able to place small children in age appropriate child restraints in vehicles (back, hand & finger mobility is demonstrated)			
Educator is required to carry babies & to cuddle & nurture young children (able to carry approximate weights)			
Are there any drugs or medications taken by the educator for either medical or recreational purposes that would affect their ability to care for young children?			
Educator needs to respond quickly & appropriately to emergencies e.g. a child running towards a road (agility is demonstrated)			
Eyesight is adequate for an educator's role			
Hearing is adequate for an educator's role			
Are there any other health issues that would affect the educator's ability to provide a high standard of care?			
Educator's are frontline workers & have been working with families & children of essential workers through Covid 19 & it is important that they have a network around them to support their mental health			
Educator plays an important part in supporting not only children but families mental health & wellbeing. How does the educator demonstrate that they are also looking after their mental health & wellbeing?			

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for (months, years) and consider the above to be medically, psychologically and physically capable of Educating and Caring for children in her own home for remuneration. To the best of my knowledge there is no current or previous illness or medical condition or dependency on any medication or substance that may affect the educator's ability to provide care for children and prevent her/him from carrying out her/his duties of a care provider.

Signed:

Date:

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