

The 2009 Minnesota Legislature amended the Human Services Licensing Act (HSLA), Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245A, The Department of Human Services Background Studies Act, and Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 245C, 144 and 13.

Amendments to Minn. Statute 245A

245A.04 – Grant of license; license extension – Effective Aug 1, 2009

Subd. 7 - Provides that the Commissioner is prohibited from issuing or reissuing a license to an individual or entity that has an outstanding debt related to a license fee, fine, or settlement.

245A.1435 – Reduction of risk of sudden infant death syndrome in licensed programs – Effective August 1, 2009

- 1) Adds the requirement that the parent directive for an alternate sleeping position (other than the infant's back) must be on a form provided by the Commissioner and must include a statement that the parent or legal guardian has read the specified information related to the risk of SIDS and the importance of placing infants on their back to sleep. *(the approved format will be available in the near future from the Department of Human Services and will be posted on the Wright County website under provider forms)*
- 2) Adds the requirement that infant crib mattresses must have a fitted sheet that fits snugly on the mattress and overlaps the mattress, in accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Commission alert and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- 3) Clarifies that the SIDS reduction sleeping position requirement as well as other changes to this section, including pillows, pillow-like toys, quilts, etc. in the crib, applies to newborns through 12 months of age.

245A.50 – Sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome training – Effective August 1, 2009

Subd. 5 – Expands the training requirements related to shaken baby syndrome for family child care license holders, caregivers, staff and helpers, who assist in the care of infants or children under school age.

Amendments to Minn. Statutes, Chapter 245C: Background Studies Act

245C.04 – When a background study must occur– Effective July 1, 2009

Subd 1 – Adds a paragraph that requires license holders to notify the commissioner by a letter to the commissioner when an employee returns to the program after an absence of 45 or more days or the program again begins to provide licensed direct contact after discontinuing services for more than 45 days.