

The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the new coordinated system of early care and education and child development, will promote high quality health and safety standards through oversight and reliable implementation measures that are aligned with the United State Military Child Care practices and the National Health and Safety Standards to include, but not be limited to:

1. Licensing visits that are unannounced and routine by designated licensing specialists in DPH at least once a year for child care centers with x number of children and family homes with x number of children to assure both optimal health and safety as well as proper training and preparation for disaster planning and evacuation;
2. An annual report of findings on compliance of health and safety regulations to the committees of cognizance in the legislature the first week of January each year;
3. Written guidelines for health and safety regulations to assure reliability, fidelity to goal and consistency in implementation to be completed by December , 2012; and
4. The development of a plan with a systemic approach to medication for children in early care and education programs including administration training and supervision to be presented to the committees of cognizance with a timeline for implementation by January 2013 and
5. The development of a system of health consultants for early care and education to include a registry for health consultants and to be modeled after mental health consultation in early care and education. Said system of health care consultants shall be designed and presented to the Co-Chairs of the Public Health Committee, in consultation with the Education Committee by January , 2013 for review.