Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Family Health

Policy: Exception to remove the requirement that disinfectant solutions used to disinfect be fragrance-free.

Program CCL – Early Care and Youth Programs
Applies to: Child Care Centers and Preschools

Effective Date: August 2, 2024

EXCEPTION TO K.A.R. 28-4-113(e), K.A.R. 28-4-122(b)(5), AND K.A.R. 28-4-420(h) IS GRANTED TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DISINFECTANT SOLUTIONS USED TO DISINFECT BE FRAGRANCE-FREE.

## I. POLICY

K.A.R. 28-4-113(e), K.A.R. 28-4-122(b)(5), and K.A.R. 28-4-420(h) state "Disinfect" means full surface application of a disinfectant solution of fragrance-free, environmental protection agency (EPA)-registered chlorine bleach mixed according to the directions on the label or an alternate fragrance-free, EPA-registered disinfectant used according to the directions on the label to any inanimate object.

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## II. PROCEDURES

This exception is effective on the date stated above and remains in effect unless the Department determines the exception is no longer in the best interest of children and families.

## III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this exception is to allow greater flexibility when using disinfectant solutions. As long as it is registered on an Environmental Protection Agency-approved list, it is able to be used as a disinfectant.

## IV. AUTHORITY

The Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the authority to grant exceptions to regulations when it is in the best interest of children and families pursuant to K.A.R. 28-4-119b and K.A.R. 28-4-422(I).

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