

BETTER BEGINNINGS QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM

POLICY FOR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATION



The Better Beginnings Rules and Regulations state:

7.03 Child Care centers that are accredited through National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Council on Accreditation (COA), or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities: Child and Youth Services Standards (CARF), and Family Child Care homes that are accredited through the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) will be considered certified. Facilities with such accreditations will submit a Better Beginnings Application Form and verification of the national accreditation. Additional documentation of Better Beginnings requirements, or reviews may be required determine level of Better Beginnings certification.

Policy:

Nationally accredited sites shall submit the Better Beginnings application Form A along with a copy of the national certificate for verification. It is recommended to submit optional Forms F and G from the application packet. Additional Better Beginnings requirements that must be met are the components in the “Child Health and Development” section. All requirements for Levels 1-3 must be met. These requirements include:

1. E.1 Facility documents distribution of **ARKids First** information to families of uninsured children.
1. E.2. Facility shares with families information on child development and on child health.
1. E.3. Any medical and educational care plans involving a child are written and on file, and implementation is documented while maintaining confidentiality.
2. E.1 Facility shares with families information regarding medical homes for children.
2. E.2 Facility shares with families information regarding child development.
3. E.1 Facility shares with families information on nutrition and physical activity for children.

Upon verification that these requirements have been met, certification for Level 3 will be awarded. Certification is valid for 36 months. The facility shall submit annual verification that conformance requirements are maintained with national accreditation.

Electronic submissions of application and documentation are acceptable and encouraged.