



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division
Office of Child Care



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Dear Child Care Provider:

The Oregon State Legislature has recently amended statute to **prohibit the use of crib bumper pads for children up to age 3**. This change also **prohibits a facility from having crib bumper pads on the premises**, unless a medical professional has determined that using a crib bumper pad is medically necessary for a particular child who uses a crib in the licensed facility.

The Office of Child Care will be revising the rules for Certified Centers, Certified Family and Registered Family child care homes to align with this change in statute.

Per ORS 464A.504(3) as amended, a crib bumper pad is defined as: “a pad, other than a mesh liner that rests directly above the mattress in a crib, or that runs along the surface area or any of the interior sides of the crib.”

This ban on crib bumper pads impacts licensed child care providers, as they are defined as a commercial user, and ORS 464A.506 as amended states:

(5) A commercial user or place of public accommodation may not use or have on the premises a crib bumper pad unless a medical professional has determined that using a crib bumper pad is medically necessary for a particular infant who uses a crib on the premises of the commercial user or place of public accommodation.

Effective immediately, if you use crib bumper pads in your child care program, you must stop using them, unless you have documentation from a medical provider that such a bumper is medically necessary for a particular child. Additionally, you may not have crib bumper pads on the premises of your child care program at all without medical documentation.

If you have questions, please email ProviderContact@ode.oregon.gov.

Thank you,

Early Learning Division