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Overview

Current law requires child care providers to place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the provider has documentation from the parent authorizing an alternative sleeping position. This bill requires written documentation and authorization from an infant's physician in order for a provider to place an infant in an alternative sleeping position.

Section

- 1 Reduction of risk of sudden infant death syndrome in licensed programs.** Amends §245A.1435. Requires written documentation from an infant's physician for a child care provider to place an infant in an alternative sleeping position. Provides that the doctor's directive must be on a form approved by the commissioner of human services and be filed by the provider. Clarifies requirements on situations where an infant rolls over on its own, tightly fitting sheets, and infant age.