Sleep arrangements

(1) Infants under twelve (12) months of age shall be placed in a supine (back) position for sleeping in a well constructed, free standing crib or bed designed for infant sleeping, with a snug fitting mattress unless the child has written documentation from a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse specifying a medical reason for an alternative sleep position.

(2) When infants can easily turn over from the supine to the prone position, they shall be put down to sleep on their back, but allowed to adopt whatever position they prefer for sleep.

(3) Soft surfaces and gas-trapping objects such as pillows, quilts, sheepskins, soft bumpers or stuffed toys shall not be placed under or with an infant for sleeping and shall be kept out of the infant's crib or bed.

(4) No infant shall be put to sleep on a sofa, soft mattress, waterbed or other soft surface. No infant shall be put to sleep in a child restraint system intended for use in a vehicle, an infant carrier, a swing or any place that is not specifically designed to be an infant bed unless the child has written documentation from a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse specifying a medical reason for their use.

(5) If a blanket is used, it is thin and tucked around the crib mattress only reaching the infant’s chest. Swaddler blanket or sleep sacks may be used in place of a blanket.

(6) The infant’s head remains uncovered during sleep