

**Small Group, Large Group and School Age Child Care Licensing**

**POLICY STATEMENT: Use of Portable Sinks**

Child Care Licensing Standards 606 CMR 7.07(16)(d)2 Sinks, Toilets and Bathrooms requires that “*any portable sink used to meet any of the requirements of these regulations must be approved by the Board of Health”*.

Portable sinks that are purchased with a documented universal safety standard certification (NSF, UL, NEC, CSA) and are being utilized and disinfected in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions along with EEC infection control procedures according to regulation 7.11(10), do not necessitate approval from the Board of Health.

EEC has determined that approval from the Board of Health is only required when a program requests to use a “homemade” portable sink. A “homemade” portable sink is defined as a sink that does not have any documented universal safety standard certification. A program may submit a variance for the proposed use of any “homemade” sink. EEC will collaborate with the Board of Health to determine any necessary approvals for this type of portable sink.

Safety Standard Certification Definitions

* NSF – National Sanitation Foundation
* UL – Underwriters Laboratories
* NEC – National Electric Code
* CSA – Canadian Standards Association