

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original  Updated  Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

DCF 201, Administration of Child Care Funds

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3. Subject

Child care subsidy eligibility redeterminations

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR  FED  PRO  PRS  SEG  SEG-S

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5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect  Increase Existing Revenues  Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate  Decrease Existing Revenues  Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy  Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units  Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes  No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

To implement federal law that provides that states may re-determine a child's eligibility for child care assistance no sooner than 12 months following the initial determination or most recent redetermination.

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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

The rule applies to low-income families who receive a child care subsidy under s. 49.155, Stats., and to child care administrative agencies. The notice soliciting comments on the proposed rule was sent to agencies and to a listserv of over 2000 email addresses of people and organizations that have signed up to receive child care information from the department.

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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

An agency supervisor in Rock County commented that she sees no adverse effects of the rule.

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12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

The rule will protect working parents by requiring fewer interruptions of their employment or education for appointments and paperwork to maintain eligibility for a child care subsidy. The rule will reduce workload for child care administrative agencies. In addition, child care providers commented that they will spend less time on paperwork and with assisting parents track their eligibility review dates. One provider commented that parents should be required to have redeterminations more frequently.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

Complying with federal law.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Requiring less frequent in-person eligibility redeterminations for all parents has no fiscal effect and will lessen the workload for child care administrative agencies. Parents are still required to report any change in circumstances to the agency, and the agency is required to redetermine eligibility based on the reported change.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

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The rule is implementing a federal requirement.

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16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)  
All states are required to comply with federal Child Care Development Fund requirements.

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17. Contact Name

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18. Contact Phone Number

422-6351

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

NA

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

NA

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

NA

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

NA

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes     No
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