

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

Revised: DCF 12, Caregiver Background Checks; DCF 40, Review of a Determination of Child Abuse or Neglect; DCF 202, Child Care Certification; DCF 204, Grants Supporting Community Child Care Initiatives; DCF 250, Family Child Care Centers; DCF 251, Group Child Care Centers; DCF 252, Day Camps for Children and Day Care Programs Established by School Boards.. Created: DCF 13, Background Checks for Child Care Programs.

3. Subject

Child care certification and licensing updates related to the child care development block grant and streamlining

4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

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

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)**

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

Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

The primary purpose of the proposed rules is to ensure that the department's rules affecting child care certification and licensing comply with the health and safety requirements in federal regulations based on the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014.

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.

WI Family Child Care Association, WI Child Care Administrator Association, WI Early Childhood Association, WI Head Start Association, DPI (4K, Head Start Collaboration, CACFP), The Registry, Supporting Families Together Association, WI Technical College System, Child Care Information Center, City of Madison, Western Dairyland/Child Care Partnership Resource and Referral, and certification agencies. The Registry, the Wisconsin Afterschool Network, and a few child care providers submitted comments not directed related to economic impact that will be considered following the public hearing. In response to a comment on the economic impact by the Registry, the department is planning to extend the timeframe for individuals to update their Registry certificates from 6 months to one year.

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

No comments were received.

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 department's proposed rules do not have any negative economic impact on certification agencies or child care providers, although some rule changes or the elimination of some rules may have a positive economic impact. The proposed licensing rules expand staff qualifications to include additional types of allowable education and/or experience and the number of hours providers may work has been increased. Additionally, the proposed rules incorporate current statutory requirements.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule
Compling with federal funding requirements and ensuring clarity of the requirements for agencies and child care providers.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule
Continued receipt of federal Child Care Development Funds.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government
The primary purpose of the rule is to come into compliance with federal regulations.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)
All states are making or have made similar changes.

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ATTACHMENT A

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)

The rules will not have a negative economic impact on small businesses and may have a positive impact.

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses
none

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:

Most child care providers are small businesses. Full compliance by all providers is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of children in the care of the providers.

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses
none

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

DCF 13.08, 202.06, 250.11, 250.12 (3), 251.11, 251.12 (3), 252.05, 252.06 (3)

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

- Yes No
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