

Report From Agency
Department of Children and Families
Rule Report for Final Draft Form of Proposed Rules
Child Care Subsidy Copayments and Provider Fees
Clearinghouse Rule 23-016
DCF 201

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

The primary purpose of the proposed rules is to make changes required for approval of Wisconsin's 2022-2024 Child Care Development Fund Plan related to ensuring that the payment practices of the child care subsidy program reflect payment practices of providers who care for children who do not receive subsidies. To come into compliance, the subsidy program must pay mandatory provider registration fees and issue payments for child care services on a full-time or part-time basis rather than based on a specific number of hours.

Public Hearing

On June 1, 2023, the department held a public hearing and no comments were received. Suzette Mayotte, a certified provider, program director for Family Foundations for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, and a member of the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, registered in support of the rule.

Responses to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse

All comments were accepted.

Changes to the Analysis or to the Fiscal Estimate

The rule and analysis were changed in response to Legislative Council Clearinghouse comments 3. and 5. b. and c., regarding maximum registration fee amounts and adjustments to the maximum amounts.

A summary of the rate change affecting in-home providers was added to the analysis in response to comment 5. a.

No changes were made to the fiscal estimate.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

A small business registered in support of the proposed rules. Child care providers that charge fees, including small businesses, are required to include any fees charged in their written agreements with parents and to report the amount of the fees to the department.

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