

WSR 24-17-110
PROPOSED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
[Filed August 19, 2024, 9:06 a.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 24-14-034.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 110-15-0215
Infant enhancement rate and 110-15-0249 Nonstandard hours bonus.

Hearing Location(s): On August 21 - September 24, 2024, at 11:59
p.m., telephonic. Comments can be made by calling 360-972-5385 and
leaving a voicemail that includes the comment or emailing the rules
coordinator. All comments must be received by the date and time listed
below.

Date of Intended Adoption: November 1, 2024.

Submit Written Comments to: Department of children, youth, and
families (DCYF) rules coordinator, email
dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov, [https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/
policy-laws-rules/rule-making/participate/online](https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/policy-laws-rules/rule-making/participate/online).

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact DCYF rules co-
ordinator, phone 360-522-3691, email
dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including
Any Changes in Existing Rules: The early learning division is revising
the infant enhancement rate and nonstandard hours bonus rate to align
with requirements set forth in ESSB 5950, section 229, chapter 376,
Laws of 2024.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See purpose.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 34.05 RCW; RCW
43.216.020, 43.216.065; ESSB 5950, section 229, chapter 376, Laws of
2024.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 34.05.220, 43.216.020, and
43.216.065.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court
decision.

Name of Proponent: DCYF, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Christin
James, DCYF, Olympia, WA 98501, 360-688-0479; Implementation and En-
forcement: DCYF, statewide.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under
RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from
requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

August 19, 2024
Brenda Villarreal
Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-12-072, filed 5/27/22, effective 7/1/22)

WAC 110-15-0215 Infant enhanced rate. Licensed and certified child care providers accepting state subsidy may receive an infant enhancement payment of (~~(\$90)~~) \$300 per month for each infant who is enrolled in their child care and attends at least one day per month.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-23-083, filed 11/13/23, effective 12/14/23)

WAC 110-15-0249 Nonstandard hours bonus. (1) Consumers' providers may receive a nonstandard hours bonus (NSHB) payment(~~(s)~~) per child per month for care provided if:

(a) The providers are licensed or certified;

(b) They provide at least 30 hours of nonstandard hours care during one month; and

(c) The total cost of the state's NSHB payments do not exceed the amount appropriated for this purpose by the legislature for the current fiscal year.

(2) Nonstandard hours are defined as:

(a) Before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m.;

(b) Any hours on Saturdays and Sundays; and

(c) Any hours on legal holidays, as defined in RCW 1.16.050.

(3) NSHB amounts are:

(a) One hundred (~~(thirty-five)~~) fifty dollars for family homes;

and

(b) One hundred (~~(thirty-five)~~) fifty dollars for centers.