

WSR 24-22-096

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

[Filed November 1, 2024, 9:13 a.m., effective December 2, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The early learning division (ELD) is revising the infant enhancement rate and nonstandard hours bonus rate to align with requirements in ESSB 5950. These WAC revisions are necessary to comply with the July 1, 2024, legislative requirements.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 110-15-0215 and 110-15-0249.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 34.05 RCW; RCW 43.216.020, 43.216.065; ESSB 5950.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-110 on August 19, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: November 1, 2024.

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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(~~((\$))~~) 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.