

WSR 22-13-001
PROPOSED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
[Filed June 1, 2022, 1:30 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: For the working connections and seasonal child care programs, WAC 110-15-0200 Daily child care rates—Licensed or certified child care centers and DCYF contracted seasonal day camps.

Hearing Location(s): On July 5, 2022, telephonic. Make oral comments by calling 360-522-2826 and leaving a voicemail that includes the comment and an email or physical mailing address where department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) will send its response. Comments received through and including July 5, 2022, will be considered.

Date of Intended Adoption: July 6, 2022.

Submit Written Comments to: DCYF rules coordinator, email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov, https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/policy-laws-rules/rule-making/participate/online, by July 5, 2022.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact DCYF rules coordinator, email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov, by July 1, 2022.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The proposed rule increases the working connections child care (WCCC) program rates paid to child care centers for enrolled WCCC-eligible children beginning July 1, 2022. The proposal also makes a technical correction to the designated age range for infants.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Section 229 (5)(d), chapter 297, Laws of 2022, authorized a 16 percent subsidy base rate enhancement for child care centers for fiscal year 2023. The proposed rule fully implements the authorized enhancement.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065.

Statute Being Implemented: Section 229 (5)(d), chapter 297, Laws of 2022.

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

Name of Proponent: DCYF, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Toni Sebastian, 206-200-0824; Implementation and Enforcement: 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. DCYF is not among the agencies listed as required to comply with RCW 34.05.328 (5)[(a)](i). Further, DCYF does not voluntarily make that section applicable to the adoption of these rules.

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(3) as the rules set or adjust fees under the authority of RCW 19.02.075 or that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, including fees set or adjusted under the authority of RCW 19.80.045.

June 1, 2022
Brenda Villarreal
Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-05-007, filed 2/3/22, effective 3/6/22)

WAC 110-15-0200 Daily child care rates—Licensed or certified child care centers and DCYF contracted seasonal day camps. (1) **Base rate.** Effective July 1, (~~2021~~) 2022, the child care subsidy rates paid to licensed or certified child care centers or DCYF contracted seasonal day camps are:

		Infants (((One month)) Birth - 11 mos.)	Toddlers (12 - 29 mos.)	Preschool (30 mos. - 6 yrs not attending kindergarten or school)	School-age (5 - 12 yrs attending kindergarten or school)
Region 1	Full-Day	(\$41.40) <u>\$48.02</u>	(\$37.50) <u>\$43.50</u>	(\$34.20) <u>\$39.67</u>	(\$33.75) <u>\$39.15</u>
	Half-Day	(\$20.70) <u>\$24.01</u>	(\$18.75) <u>\$21.75</u>	(\$17.10) <u>\$19.84</u>	(\$16.88) <u>\$19.58</u>
Spokane County	Full-Day	(\$59.09) <u>\$68.54</u>	(\$47.73) <u>\$55.37</u>	(\$44.95) <u>\$52.14</u>	(\$34.99) <u>\$40.59</u>
	Half-Day	(\$29.55) <u>\$34.27</u>	(\$23.87) <u>\$27.69</u>	(\$22.48) <u>\$26.07</u>	(\$17.50) <u>\$20.30</u>
Region 2	Full-Day	(\$48.00) <u>\$55.68</u>	(\$36.59) <u>\$42.44</u>	(\$36.50) <u>\$42.34</u>	(\$27.36) <u>\$31.74</u>
	Half-Day	(\$24.00) <u>\$27.84</u>	(\$18.30) <u>\$21.22</u>	(\$18.25) <u>\$21.17</u>	(\$13.68) <u>\$15.87</u>
Region 3	Full-Day	(\$76.36) <u>\$88.58</u>	(\$68.41) <u>\$79.36</u>	(\$57.66) <u>\$66.89</u>	(\$43.64) <u>\$50.62</u>
	Half-Day	(\$38.18) <u>\$44.29</u>	(\$34.21) <u>\$39.68</u>	(\$28.83) <u>\$33.45</u>	(\$21.82) <u>\$25.31</u>
Region 4	Full-Day	(\$95.73) <u>\$111.05</u>	(\$79.55) <u>\$92.28</u>	(\$71.82) <u>\$83.31</u>	(\$45.00) <u>\$52.20</u>
	Half-Day	(\$47.87) <u>\$55.53</u>	(\$39.78) <u>\$46.14</u>	(\$35.91) <u>\$41.66</u>	(\$22.50) <u>\$26.10</u>
Region 5	Full-Day	(\$62.55) <u>\$72.56</u>	(\$54.14) <u>\$62.80</u>	(\$48.08) <u>\$55.77</u>	(\$35.00) <u>\$40.60</u>
	Half-Day	(\$31.28) <u>\$36.28</u>	(\$27.07) <u>\$31.40</u>	(\$24.04) <u>\$27.89</u>	(\$17.50) <u>\$20.30</u>
Region 6	Full-Day	(\$57.00) <u>\$66.12</u>	(\$51.00) <u>\$59.16</u>	(\$47.00) <u>\$54.52</u>	(\$35.91) <u>\$41.66</u>
	Half-Day	(\$28.50) <u>\$33.06</u>	(\$25.50) <u>\$29.58</u>	(\$23.50) <u>\$27.26</u>	(\$17.96) <u>\$20.83</u>

(a) Centers in Clark County are paid Region 3 rates.

(b) Centers in Benton, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties are paid Region 6 rates.

(2) WAC 110-300-0005 and 110-300-0356 allow providers to care for children from birth up to and including the end of their eligibility period after their 13th birthday.

(3) Providers must obtain child-specific and time-limited exceptions from DCYF to provide care for children outside the age listed on the center's license.

(4) If providers are granted an exception to care for a child who is 13 years old or older at application or reapplication:

(a) The payment rate is the same as subsection (1) of this section, and the five through 12 year age range column is used for comparison; and

(b) The children must meet the special needs requirement described in WAC 110-15-0220.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 22-05-007, § 110-15-0200, filed 2/3/22, effective 3/6/22; WSR 20-15-161, § 110-15-0200, filed 7/22/20, effective 8/22/20; WSR 19-12-058, § 110-15-0200, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. WSR 18-14-078, recodified as § 110-15-0200, filed 6/29/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1. WSR 17-21-077, § 170-290-0200, filed 10/16/17, effective 11/16/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.070, chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 16-19-107, § 170-290-0200, filed 9/21/16, effective 10/22/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070, and chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 16-09-059, §

170-290-0200, filed 4/15/16, effective 5/16/16; WSR 14-24-070, §
170-290-0200, filed 11/26/14, effective 1/1/15; WSR 14-20-088, §
170-290-0200, filed 9/29/14, effective 10/30/14; WSR 14-12-050, §
170-290-0200, filed 5/30/14, effective 6/30/14; WSR 13-21-113, §
170-290-0200, filed 10/22/13, effective 11/22/13. Statutory Authority:
Chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 12-21-008, § 170-290-0200, filed 10/5/12, ef-
fective 11/5/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.070, 43.215.060 and
chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 12-11-025, § 170-290-0200, filed 5/8/12, ef-
fective 6/8/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070, 2006
c 265, and chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 09-22-043, § 170-290-0200, filed
10/28/09, effective 12/1/09. WSR 08-08-047, recodified as §
170-290-0200, filed 3/27/08, effective 3/27/08. Statutory Authority:
RCW 74.04.050, 74.12.340, 74.13.085, and 2005 c 518 § 207(3). WSR
05-20-051, § 388-290-0200, filed 9/30/05, effective 11/1/05. Statutory
Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.12.340, 74.13.085, and 2003 1st sp.s. c
25. WSR 04-08-021 and 04-08-134, § 388-290-0200, filed 3/29/04 and
4/7/04, effective 5/28/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050,
74.13.085. WSR 02-12-069, § 388-290-0200, filed 5/31/02, effective
7/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050 and C.F.R. Parts 98 and 99
(Child Care Development Fund Rules). WSR 02-01-135, § 388-290-0200,
filed 12/19/01, effective 1/19/02.]