EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

[Filed July 1, 2022, 4:49 p.m., effective July 1, 2022, 4:49 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.
Purpose: Increase the working connections child care (WCCC) program rates paid to child care centers for enrolled WCCC-eligible children beginning July 1, 2022, and make a technical correction to the designated age range for infants.
Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 110-15-0200.
Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065.
Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
Reasons for this Finding: 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. Permanent rule making has begun, but there was insufficient time between chapter 297's effective date and July 1 to complete the permanent rule-making process.
Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Date Adopted: July 1, 2022.

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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, (2022) 2022, the child care subsidy rates paid to licensed or certified child care centers or DCYF contracted seasonal day camps are:
Children from birth up to and including the end of their eligibility period after their 13th birthday.

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 110-300-0220.

(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.