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Re: Comments Proposed Amendments - Reference
Regulation No. 14-506
36 Pa. B. 2686
Public Welfare Code, Articles IX
and X, Chapters 3270, 3280 and
3290, and delete Chapter 3300

Definitions - Kindergarteners to be treated as early schoolage. Here are little five-year-olds entering the maze of the public school setting then coming back to the day care facility to contend with six, seven and eight year olds for hours on end. These little ones are already on sensory overload. The department will be able to spread money via cost differential, but at whose expense. The kindergarten child is by definition a preschool child. Other states may be attempting this but at what real cost,

Deletion of Chapter 3300

What are the provisions for children who do not have special needs?

How much of a caregiver's time, attention, and effort will these children enjoy.

What accommodations will be afforded them?

This is not addressed.

3270.119 Program Plan - require a more simple format for those children who have involved parents.

3270.131 Health assessments -

There are presently local govmnt. agencies reviewing child health records.

Should the department spend time reviewing same? Is this time well spent or duplication?

Note:

These proposed regs. hold major impact on children, providers of service, and, of course, parents. Many of these children spend two-thirds to three-quarters of their waking hours out of their home setting.

More time for public comment should be afforded here. The department should make additional efforts to solicit same.

I would have additional comments. I am still involved with cost/benefits to children