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Proposed change The definition of "operator" is being revised to remove the reference to caregiver. The definition is also being revised to clarify that the operator is either the legal entity or a staff person designated by the legal entity, in order to limit the maximum number of unrelated children in a family child care home as described in § 3290.51 (relating to maximum number of children).

20. § 3290.113(g)

Additionally, the Department is proposing that when a family child care home provider operates service for 24 hours a day, another child care staff person is required. No family child care staff person may work for a period of more than 16 hours in a 24-hour time period. This requirement is included because the Department recognizes that many family child care home providers offer services during nontraditional hours, such as nights and weekends. Other States, such as New Jersey, have placed similar limits on work hours to ensure that the family child care staff person is not caring for children more than 16 consecutive hours within a 24-hour period.

Current regulation 3290.51. Maximum number of children.

The number of children in care may not exceed six children at any one time who are unrelated to the operator.

Current Definition

Child care experience—Care for a child in lieu of care by the parent or guardian for part of a 24-hour day. The term includes care of foster children in a court-supervised arrangement. The term does not include care of related children who reside with an individual. The term does not include supervised onsite training in the case of a student who is fulfilling the requirements of a secondary or postsecondary child care training or educational curriculum.

The proposed changes above would make it very difficult to have staff. The Staffs children cannot receive funding based on the definition of Child Care experience. So therefor this change would make it impossible to hire staff for field trips, transporting to and from school, excursions, Evening weekend and non traditional care. It would cause a financial hardship on providers and staff to find childcare for their own children and grandchildren. The parents would then pay out more for childcare than they would make working in a Family Childcare Home. Due to not being eligible for any Child works programs or funding.

Proposed Change Under § 3290.31(a)(2), the Department is proposing that any family child care home provider who does not have documentation of a high school diploma or general education development certificate upon application for a certificate of compliance be given until the second renewal for the certificate of compliance to obtain or produce the documentation

This regulation should only be for new Providers applying for a childcare License, any Providers who have already been licensed should most certainly be grandfathered in, This would cause a lot of Childcare programs to close and would increase the amount of children on waitlist's to get into programs. Some of these providers have been providing childcare for 30 plus years. They have been in compliance with all the current regulations and maintain their License. This would not benefit any children or providers that have already been Licensed.

Proposed change

21. §§ 3270.131(a), 3280.131(a) and 3290.131(a) (relating to health information)

The Department is proposing to shorten the time frame to submit an initial health report from 60 days to 30 days. This change is needed to allow the child care provider more opportunity to determine if the child is healthy enough to attend. The health report also shows whether the child has health conditions or diseases that would prohibit attendance or be contagious.

This regulation would be a major hardship on all providers , Family , Group and Centers as it is very difficult to get a child into a Pediatrician within a 30 day time frame, due lack of Pediatricians and office case overloads. There is also difficulty in getting new files transferred and health records for especially Foster children Or parents who have just moved and need to find a Pediatrician for their children. This would mean a foster child who has no medical records available and could easily take 60 days to get would not be able to be enrolled in any facility until they have the health form and would cause a serious burden on especially foster Families. Parents can not just miss days of work ,or when they are just starting a new job or schooling . Additionally Pediatricians offices are overwhelmed as well and are charging \$5. per form for each health form that they have to fill out. This is additional cost to families. I urge you to keep this regulation at the 60 day frame.

I am strongly urging while changing and updating our regulations that they be available in Spanish, As stated in the proposed changes that each provider is responsible to give parents the information to read the regulations electronically , Spanish speaking families and providers will not understand or be able to fully comprehend the regulations. We also need inspection summaries and emails to include Spanish language, so that providers and parent/guardians understand each and every regulation to be fully compliant at all times.

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