

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Below is a summary of the proposed rule changes that the Child Care Commission voted to publish. We thought you might like to look over these as they may become effective as early as April 1, 2010. Several of the proposed rules address childhood obesity prevention and are related to nutrition, physical activity, outdoor time, and screen time usage.

- Rule .0102 – Definitions have been added to define track-out programs, health care professionals, and first aid kits.
- Rule .0102 – BSAC training allows for an equivalent training if approved by the Division and removes the hourly training timeframe.
- Rules .0501 and .1703 – Staff and caregivers must relate to children in positive ways by helping children feel welcome and comfortable, treating them with respect, listening to what they say, responding to children with acceptance and appreciation and participating in many activities with the children. These rules specify additional ways staff must interact with children.
- Rules .0508 and .1708 – A minimum amount of outdoor time would be specified throughout the day, if weather conditions permit. The amount of time is based on the ages of children and the number of hours a program operates. Also, of the four different activities that must be offered daily, at least one would have to be provided outdoors.
- Rules .0508 and .0510 – The activity plan would have to include a daily gross motor activity which may occur indoors or outdoors. Text has been added that would emphasize to providers that the learning environment and activity areas consist of the indoor and outdoor areas.
- Rules .0510, .0511, .1718 and .2507 – Screen time would be limited to no more than a total of two and a half hours per week per child. Screen time includes, but is not limited to, television, videos, video games, and computer usage. Screen time usage periods could be extended for specific special events, projects, or occasions. Screen time would be prohibited to children less than two years of age.
- Rule .0510 – Materials and opportunities for music and rhythm, science and nature, and sand and water must be offered to each group of children on a weekly basis.
- Rule .0604 – Firearms and ammunition is prohibited unless carried by a law enforcement officer. A first aid kit must always be available on site. (moved from .2506(a))
- Rules .0606, .0802, .0901, .1718 and .1724 – “Health care provider” would be replaced with the words “Health care professional” to be consistent with the definition.
- Rules .0701, .0702 and .0802 – Emergency medical care information must be updated annually for staff and children.
- Rules .0901 and .1702 – Accommodations for breastfeeding mothers must be provided to include seating and an electrical outlet for breastfeeding or expressing milk.
- Rule .1403 – Children must wear an age or size appropriate life jacket whenever participating in boating, rafting, or canoeing activities. (moved from .2506(e))
- Rule .2201 – A timeframe of 30 days would be specified as to when a facility must notify parents that a substantiation of a complaint or that an administrative action was taken against the facility. In addition to documenting the date that the operator gives the parent written notice, the operator must maintain written documentation that all parents have received the notice.
- Rule .2507 – Opportunities must be provided for school-age children to participate in the planning and implementation of activities. Changes were made to the activity options that must be made available daily to reflect activity practices that school-age children are currently participating in.
- Rules .2801-.2803, .2810-.2812, and .2814-.2816 – Voluntary Rated Licenses rules related to a three-component star rated license will be repealed since a three-component star rated license is no longer valid.