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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Toni Sebastian, Deputy, Child Care Subsidy Programs

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For WAC 110-15-0040 and 110-15-0045 proposed under notice filed as WSR 21-01-184 on December 21, 2020:

REASON FOR ADOPTION: Grant relief from the work requirement for single parents participating in the Working Connections Child Care program and enrolled in specified education programs.

CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: “Full time student,” “good standing,” and “vocational education” definitions inserted in WAC 110-15-0045.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED	THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED ALL THE COMMENTS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS, OR THE REASONS NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, FOLLOW.
<p>Working in Pullman, a town with two universities within 15 mile radius and several more within 80 miles, we see a growing need for parents to have this option available. Currently we have two single mothers who would fall under this care need for WC.</p>	<p>No action taken. Expanding eligibility beyond the specified vocational education programs exceeds the Department of Children, Youth, and Families’ rule making authority. The Legislature directed the change in eligibility that these rules implement and expansion requires legislative action.</p>
<p>I understand why the rule is being made, but I ask for exceptions to this rule. I have numerous single family parents enrolled in college degree programs. These are not vocational programs, therefore these parents do not qualify to receive WCCC to assist with childcare. Why do you not approve parents enrolled in career degree programs, as these parents will eventually have high paying jobs once finished with their degree and no longer need state assistance. If fact, they will be contributing more funds to the economy and helping fund assistance programs for others. When only funding vocational college parents, they will be going into low income based jobs and will be continuously on state assistance. This seems counter</p>	

intuitive.	
YES! This change is needed. However, it should be available to any parent/guardian participating in ANY post high school education program as long as they are considered a full time student in the eyes of their program.	

This document also serves as the summary of public hearing comments to the agency head required under RCW 34.05.325(4).

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator