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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Judy Jaramillo, Administrator, License Exempt Services

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 21-12-007 on May 19, 2021:

WAC 110-16-005, 110-16-0015, 110-16-0025, 110-16-0030, 110-16-110-16-0035. and 110-16-0040

REASON FOR ADOPTION:

To ensure the department's compliance with the requirements of the Child Care and Development Fund, administered by the federal Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care, which funds family, friend, and neighbor child care subsidies in Washington State. More specifically, require health and safety training and participation in an annual health and safety monitoring visit conducted by department staff for individuals who care for children they are related to by marriage, blood, or court decree, but who are not grandparents, great grandparents, siblings who do not live with the children cared for, aunts, great aunts, uncles, or great uncles. The required health and safety training topics are first aid & CPR; prevention and control of infectious diseases; administration of medication; prevention of, and response to, emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; the prevention of child abuse and neglect; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, head trauma; emergency preparedness and response planning for natural disasters and human-caused events; handling and storage of hazardous materials and bio contaminant disposal; transporting children; and, if caring for an infant, prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and safe sleep.

CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

COMMENTS RECEIVED:

COMMENT	DCYF'S RESPONSE
These proposed rules seem designed to make it highly unlikely that most FFN caregivers could feasibly become eligible for even modest subsidies. They also do not seem aligned with robust equity, diversity and inclusion efforts throughout state government. I believe DCYF would benefit from the research contained in a recent report that provides a comprehensive view of the field of FFN	Thank you for your comment. DCYF was required to develop these rules in order to comply with the requirements of the Child Care and Development Fund, administered by the federal Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care, which pays for FFN subsidies. Recognizing the need for family access to this unique form of care, DCYF seeks to implement these

<p>care and the range of strategies states are using to support and incentivize FFN caregivers to provide loving and quality care for the children in their care. See Le, L. T., Lavin, K., Aquino, A. K., Shivers, E. M., Perry, D. F., & Horen, N. M. (2018). What's Working? A Study of the Intersection of Family, Friend, and Neighbor Networks and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation: Summary of Key Findings. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development.</p>	<p>requirements in the manner most supportive of our diverse provider community and families.</p>
<p>This is an over reach of power by DCYF and the state of WA, especially for the pittance that these people get paid. Families have the right to choose who they want watching their children. Are parents not capable of making their own choices anymore?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. DCYF was required to develop these rules in order to comply with the requirements of the Child Care and Development Fund, administered by the federal Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care, which pays for FFN subsidies. Recognizing the need for family access to this unique form of care, DCYF seeks to implement these requirements in the manner most supportive of providers and families.</p>
<p>FFN should absolutely be monitored by DCYF with drop ins. The same as with licensed childcare receiving subsidies get annually. The children should be in safe homes, with safety devices in place when watching young vulnerable children. There are homes with people living without background checks and inspections can flag these homes. If FFN are being paid then YES MONITOR AND EDUCATE!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>

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