

ATTENTION FAMILIES & PROVIDERS: PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS -- SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY

Public Comment Period Opening for Proposed Changes to the Subsidized Child Care Eligibility Regulations

DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 14, 2020

Public Comment Period Opens

Dec. 14, 2020

Public Comment Period Closes

Please review the current regulations by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Proposed changes to the subsidized child care eligibility regulations at 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3041 were published effective Nov. 14, 2020 and can be viewed in the [PA Bulletin HERE](#). Please navigate to the issue dated Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

All public comments must be submitted **in writing** by the closing date of the public comment period on Dec. 14, 2020.

All comments, suggestions or objections should reference the regulation number(s), section(s), and subsection(s), and they must be submitted in writing

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Changes to the current subsidized child care eligibility regulations are being proposed that may impact parents, children, and providers, including but not limited to the following areas:

- Expanded eligibility periods of 12 months;
- Expanded eligibility to cover hours the parent or caretaker requires sleep following completion of overnight work shift;
- No changes to the amounts of subsidy and co-payment for the duration of the eligibility period, unless to the family's benefit;
- Abolished the requirement for the parent or caretaker to pay an advanced co-payment prior to enrollment;
- Children who turn 13 during the eligibility period will continue to receive the subsidy until the eligibility period ends;
- Codifying payment practices permitting tiered reimbursement for providers who voluntarily exceed the basic health and safety requirements;
- Codifying payment practices based on enrollment and not attendance, to include increasing the number of permitted absences from 25 to 40 per fiscal year;
- After five consecutive days absent, the child maintains eligibility, but the enrollment is suspended until the child returns to care;
- Establishment of waiver provisions and periods of presumptive eligibility for particular populations, including victims of domestic violence and families experiencing homelessness;

*****Additional changes may be viewed by utilizing the above link to the PA Bulletin.*****

If you would like a response, please include your contact information.

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