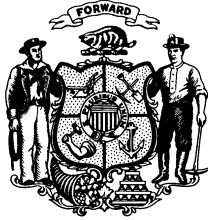


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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In s. DWD 56.08 (2) (a) and (b), the statements regarding the applicability of each of those respective paragraphs should be placed after the statement of who the copayment schedule in the respective paragraph applies to. In other words, a par. (c) should be created that describes the applicability of pars. (a) and (b). In the alternative, sub. (2) (a) could begin with the phrase “Before the date s. 49.132, Stats., is no longer applicable, the copayment schedule” A similar change could be made to sub. (2) (b).

b. The analysis of the rule should contain a brief listing of both the statutes authorizing the rule and the statutes interpreted by the rule. [See s. 1.02 (2), Manual.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In s. DWD 56.08 (1) (b), does “the number of children in child care” refer to the number of children in a given family in child care? If so, this should be clarified.

b. Section DWD 56.08 (2) (b) refers to “all parents who receive public child care funds.” The term “public child care funds” should be defined for further clarity. Does this phrase apply only to state-funded public child care funds? If so, this should be clarified.

c. In s. DWD 56.08 (3) (c), the phrase “a change in cost due to inflation” should be modified to provide “a change in cost due to a change in the consumer price index,” or some similar term which could accommodate either an increase or decrease in costs.

d. In s. DWD 56.08 (3) (e), the phrase “subsidized child care” is used. This term should be defined.

e. In Table s. 56.08 (1) (c), the directions on how to read the table state that the person should “look to the right to find the appropriate co-payment by family and type of care.” Should this read “by family size and type of care”? If so, this should be changed.