



**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – FISCAL ESTIMATE**

**DHFS**

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

Administrative Rule Number HFS 43
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Subject  
 Relating to the standards for training required for staff and supervisors involved in access, initial assessment, and ongoing services delivered to children and families in child abuse and neglect cases.

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Proposed rule HFS 43 was developed with significant involvement of the Department, the Child Welfare Training Partnerships, county human services and social services departments, and private agencies. Child protective services agencies are required under s. 48.981(8)(d), Stat., to provide training, which is approved by the Department, on the investigation and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Most agencies currently provide and pay for that training. The Department, under s. 48.981(8)(d), Stat., is required to develop rules to monitor compliance with the training requirement.

The costs arising from proposed HFS 43 for monitoring compliance with the statutory requirement for training may be minimal, and can be absorbed by the affected agencies. The Department believes that the information which agencies will be required to enter into e-WiSACWIS or into personnel or other records and make available to the Department for monitoring will require minimal time or effort.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Long range fiscal implications arising from proposed HFS 43, are a continuation of the initial fiscal implications. Child protective services staff are required by s. 48.981(8)(d), Stat., to receive training in child abuse and neglect investigation and treatment, including information on recognizing and appropriately responding to domestic abuse. The Department is required to monitor compliance. The rule creates a system for monitoring compliance with training requirements as required by statute. The information which agencies will be required to enter into eWiSACWIS or into personnel or other records and make available to the Department for monitoring will require minimal time or effort.

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