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Rule Analysis for Legislative Review

Proposed Rules Relating to Child Care Rates

DWD 56.06 (1)

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Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

The rule provides that the reimbursement rates paid to child care providers by the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program will not be adjusted for 2008 and 2009, and the rates effective on December 31, 2006, will remain in effect. This reflects legislative intent expressed in the funding levels for child care assistance in 2007 Wisconsin Act 20. A corresponding emergency rule that was effective January 1, 2008, provides that rates will not be increased for 2008.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing was held on March 10, 2008. A summary of the hearing comments and the Department's responses is attached.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

The Department's response is attached.

Small Business Regulatory Review Board

The policy of freezing child care rates does not have a significant economic impact on small businesses that are child care providers statewide. Due to interest expressed in the impact of freezing child care rates by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board in 2007, the Department submitted an analysis of this rule implementing the 2008-2009 rate freeze for review under s. 227.14 (2g), Stats. The Board acknowledged receipt of the Department's analysis and the Chair thanked the Department for providing the Board with the opportunity to understand the Department's position regarding the economic impact that the rule will have on small businesses.

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