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Report From Agency

Rule Report for Legislative Review

Home Visitation to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

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Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

Under s. 48.983, Stats., a county, private agency, or Indian tribe may apply to the department for an annual grant that will be used to operate a home visiting program to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote healthy birth outcomes. The department shall determine the amount of a grant based on a formula that the department shall promulgate by rule. The criteria to be used in determining the grant amount are in statute. The rule weights the criteria.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing was held in Madison on April 6, 2010. A summary of the hearing comments and the department's responses is attached.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted.

Changes to Analysis Prepared under Section 227.14 (2), Stats.

- Reworded language on poor birth outcomes in response to Legislative Council comment.
- Clarified that home visitation services may be provided until a child reaches 5 years of age if risk factors for child abuse or neglect continue to be present.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules affect small businesses but do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats.

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