

Report From Agency

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 15-004

Ch. DHS 150, Grants for Workplace Wellness Programs

Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

The department is required under s. 250.21, (4), Stats., to establish rules to administer workplace wellness program grants. The department proposes to establish, by rule, an application process and application review criteria.

Department Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Recommendations

The department accepts the recommendations made by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse and has modified the proposed rule where suggested.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules will impact businesses with 50 or fewer employees that choose to establish a workplace wellness program and apply for a grant, and the employees of such businesses. The proposed rules do not impose regulatory or other requirements on businesses, including small businesses. Applying for a workplace wellness grant is voluntary and involves a minimum time commitment to complete the application form. No persons attended the public hearing or submitted public comments on the proposed rule.

Changes to the Analysis or Fiscal Estimate/Economic Impact Analysis

Analysis - In response to Clearinghouse Comment 1., the department described its authority to award grants to small businesses for costs paid in *any* 12-month period during the grant funding period as opposed to awarding grants based on the grant applicant's costs paid *during the year* as provided in s. 251.21 (2), Stats.

Fiscal Estimate/Economic Impact Analysis

No changes were made to the fiscal estimate-economic impact analysis.

Public Hearing Summary

The department began accepting public comments on the proposed rule via the Wisconsin Administrative Rules website on January 14, 2015. A public hearing was held on February 16, 2015, in Madison, Wisconsin at the Department of Health Services, 1 W. Wilson Street,

Room 630. No persons attended the public hearing or submitted comments on the proposed rule. Public comments on the proposed rule were accepted until 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2015.

Summary of Items Submitted with this Report to the Legislature

1. Final proposed rule.
2. Fiscal-Estimate-Economic Impact Analysis.
3. The department did not receive a report from the Department of Administration under ss. 227.115 (2) or 227.137 (6) Stats.; the Public Service Commission under s. 227.117 (2), Stats., or a report or suggested modifications from the Small Business Regulatory Review Board under s. 227.14 (2g), Stats.