

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original    Updated    Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

DCF 150, Child support percentage of income standard

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3. Subject

Child support percentage of income standard

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect    Increase Existing Revenues    Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate    Decrease Existing Revenues    Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy    Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units    Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes    No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Wisconsin's Percentage of Income Standard was created to comply with federal requirements in 45 CFR 302.56(a) which require that as a condition of approval of its State plan, the State shall establish one set of guidelines by law or by judicial or administrative action for setting and modifying child support award amounts within the State. 45 CFR 302.56 (e) also requires states to review, and revise, if appropriate, the guidelines established under paragraph (a) of this section at least once every four years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts

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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

The department solicited comments from the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association, Dads of Wisconsin, Center for Family Policy and Practice, Wisconsin Women's Network, State Bar Family Law Section, Wisconsin Fathers for Children and Families, ABC for Health, Wisconsin Women's Council, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Family Court Commissioner's Association, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, National Parents Organization-Wisconsin Chapter, and Wisconsin Office of State Courts.

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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

Milwaukee, Door, Jefferson, and Fond du Lac County Child Support Agencies, Family Court Commissioner's Association, and Wisconsin Office of State Courts

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12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

We expect this rule change to have minimal impact on the business sector. The rule changes impact the establishment of child support orders in family and paternity actions.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

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Periodic review of Wisconsin's child support guidelines insures that the financial support parents pay accurately reflects the cost of raising children in this state.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule  
None

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government  
Wisconsin's Percentage of Income Standard was created to comply with federal requirements in 45 CFR 302.56 (a) that require that as a condition of approval of its State plan, all states must establish one set of guidelines by law or by judicial or administrative action for setting and modifying child support award amounts within the State. The methodology to be used in calculating support orders is at state discretion.

45 CFR 302.56 (e) also requires states to review, and revise, if appropriate, the guidelines established under paragraph (a) of this section at least once every four years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts.

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16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)  
All states are required to adopt child support guidelines. Wisconsin contracts with the Institute for Research on Poverty to conduct research on the various guidelines models used by other states and the application of those models in special circumstances including high and low income families, cases in which parents have obligations to children in more than one family, and shared and split placement arrangements. Wisconsin regularly reviews this research as a part of its guidelines review. We have reviewed the child support guidelines used by Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota and determined that the amount of support under Wisconsin's guidelines is consistent with the approaches used in these states.

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### ATTACHMENT A

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

not applicable

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

not applicable

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

not applicable

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

not applicable

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

not applicable

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes     No
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