

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

DCF 58, Eligibility for the Kinship Care and Long-Term Kinship Care Program

3. Subject

Kinship care and long-term kinship care

4. Fund Sources Affected

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5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

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

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)**

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

Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Vague language, requirements that are superceded by state statutory changes, and inefficient agency procedures.

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.

County and tribal kinship care agencies and the Out-of-Home Care Committee, which is a department-led committee that includes representatives from county and tribal human service and social service agencies, private child-placing agencies, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, Department of Corrections, Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies, the state court system, Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System, Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership, Coalition for Children, Youth, and Families, and department staff from all bureaus within the Division of Safety and Permanence.

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

Kewaunee County Human Services commented that statewide home visit assessment criteria could determine ineligibility at a higher rate, causing unintentional placements in foster care. The department does not expect the home visit assessment criteria to have a fiscal effect because the criteria are based on the department's review of existing agency policies and practices and supported through the existing allocation to complete the assessments of kinship care providers.

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)

The rule will ease the workload of kinship care agencies.

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

The modifications will bring the chapter into compliance with state statutory and federal regulatory requirements, clarify vague language, promote consistency of the program, and modernize and streamline work processes for agency staff and families.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Efficient and consistent program administration

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

Funding for kinship care and long-term kinship care is through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

Social security number. Under 45 CFR 205.52, the state's TANF plan must require each individual applying or receiving TANF funds to furnish a social security number as a condition of eligibility. An individual that does not have a social security number is required to apply to the Social Security Administration with assistance from the state or local agency, provide verification of the application, and provide the number when it is received. Assistance may not be denied or delayed pending the issuance or verification of the number.

Child support cooperation. 42 USC 654 (29) (A) requires cooperation with the child support agency's efforts at enforcing support, subject to good cause as defined by the agency administering the TANF program.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Comparable programs in adjacent states appear to offer child-only TANF grants for relative caregivers with few eligibility conditions beyond the TANF requirements for child support cooperation and provision of the child's social security number. Michigan may also require that a child under 6 years of age receives scheduled immunizations with limited exemptions and a child 6 years of age and over attends school full-time.

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ATTACHMENT A

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

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

not applicable

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

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

not applicable

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

not applicable

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

Yes No
