

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	2. Date 1/9/26
3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) DCF 57	
4. Subject Group home licensing	
5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected
7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget	
8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)	
9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$indeterminate	
10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule The rule streamlines and clarifies the group home licensing processes, including the determination of need and application processes. The rule also adopts modern best practices for provider service delivery and repeals requirements that are no longer considered necessary for the health and safety of children.	
12. 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 County Human Services Association, Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies, licensed group homes, and licensed residential care centers for children and youth.	
13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. The Wisconsin County Human Services Association	
14. 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 improves efficiency by reducing unnecessarily burdensome requirements, which may reduce some costs for current businesses operating group homes. There may be increased costs to businesses seeking to become new licensees that will be required to become certified as a qualified residential treatment program within 3 years after receiving their initial license, due to the costs of the required accreditation. New licensees will also be required to provide single-resident bedrooms. The increased costs may be passed on to the department and counties that place children in a new group home. However, because accreditation is required for the state to claim federal IV-E reimbursement on placements, the accreditation requirement may have a positive fiscal impact on the state child welfare system as a whole.	
15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule More efficient operation for group home licensees and better quality services provided for youth placed in the group homes.	
16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule	

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17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

The rule complies with the Title IV-E requirements specified in the rule analysis.

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

Illinois allows staff to be age 18 if there is an onsite supervisor. The Illinois group home rule has similar education, work experience, or a combination of requirements for managers, but specifies certain degrees that meet the educational requirement. The rule requires a new resident to be examined by a physician within 30 days before placement in a group home or scheduled within five days after placement and completed within 15 days after placement. It also requires a reasonable and prudent parenting decision maker to be on site. It has a square footage requirement for bedroom floor space and does not require QRTP certification.

Iowa allows staff to be age 18 years of age. Their rule has detailed quantitative requirements and square footage space per resident, ceiling height, temperature, and more. It requires a physical assessment of a new resident within one week and dental examination within 6 months after admission. It also requires facilities to maintain a supply of standard nonprescription medications for residents, such as cough drops and cough syrups, aspirin substitutes and other pain control medication, poison antidote, and diarrhea control medication and requires a list of the standard nonprescription medications to be preapproved annually by a licensed pharmacist or an authorized prescriber. The rule allows the facility administrator to obtain permission to use medication that is not on the standard list for a specific child in consultation with a prescriber or pharmacist. The rule does not require QRTP certification.

Minnesota requires staff members to be at least 21 years of age. The Minnesota rule has many requirements that are similar to the proposed DCF 57 rule, including providing basic rights for residents, requiring an inventory of a resident's personal property, and requiring the licensee to develop an emergency plan for fire, natural disaster, serious illness, and disappearance of a resident. QRTP certification is required.

Michigan has child caring institutions that are organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in buildings maintained by the institution for that purpose, and operates throughout the year. A direct care worker is required to be a high school diploma or GED. The staff to resident ratio is 1:10 during waking hours. They allow children on or under the age of 6 to only remain at the institution for 30 days or less. Residents over 3 years of age shall have a physical exam completed within 1 year prior to admission or a new physical examination within 30 calendar days after admission. Treatment plans are required and youth 14 years of age and older need to have a plan to prepare the youth for independence. Discharge plans are to be completed within 14 days after discharge.

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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)

The economic impact on businesses are as described in question 14 and are common across businesses of varying sizes

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

NA

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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:

NA

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

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

Section 48.715, Stats.

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

Yes  No

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