



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CONCISE SUMMARY
OF PROPOSED NON-TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Human Services

DIVISION: Office of Child Care Licensing

RULE IDENTIFIER: 218-RICR-70-00-2

RULE TITLE: Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This amendment incorporates the Rhode Island Start Early System (RISES) into the regulations, and revises outdated, unclear, or inconsistent language to improve clarity and usability, as well as incorporates the Group Family Child Care Home requirements.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: None

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

- 1.) *“Are there any changes happening to the current regulations as they exist?”*
- 2.) *“Are the new regulations taking place effective as of right now, or is there a due date, a future due date for implementation?”*
- 3.) *“You have mentioned something about that you were glad the group received information ahead of time, but I haven't received anything.”*
- 4.) *“Follow-up question. Would we receive this list in Spanish?”*
- 5.) *“When I looked at the document that you sent, I've noticed that there were a lot of red information. So you said something about very minimal, not so much, but what's listed in red is more than very minimal. And unfortunately, when I translate the document into those applications, the translation is very poor and maybe not a trusted source. I hope that, in the future, perhaps you would be able to work something around and be able to send it to us in Spanish.”*

- 6.) *"I'm concerned about a document that was shared with us that stated that there were changes to those who had a license for 12 individuals, 12 kids."*
- 7.) *"My question was, would you be sending the notification via email? How are we going to be notified?"*
- 8.) *"I just want to just be sure if all the documents they send right now for the changes, we have to implement immediately or they have a date for change of those?"*
- 9.) *"I have a question regarding my license. Carla already did the assessment on my property, and it was approved about a year ago that I had a license for 11 kids. However, I received a notification that I have to resubmit my paperwork, and I only got a license for six. Is there a reason why I have -- there's a discrepancy between what I applied a year ago and what's happening now?"*
- 10.) *"How long would it take until the final decision is made and an implementation schedule for the due date will be provided."*
- 11.) *"My day care is in Cranston. You don't have any specific or any information about the 12 kids approvals?"*
- 12.) *"I want to know about when comparing the current regulations versus the new regulations, is there a lot of changes, is everything changing, or how many changes?"*

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

No changes

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: This amendment streamlines and updates regulatory language to make the regulations clearer, more consistent, and easier to implement, while supporting safe child care through clearer expectations, and improved management of licensing and compliance requirements. This amendment also includes language related to implementation of RISES, the State's integrated early childhood data and information system, to support improved data sharing and program administration, as well as incorporating the Group Family Child Care Home requirements.