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-70-00-14

RULE TITLE: Regulations for the Licensing of Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)-Reimbursable Youth Camps

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: Regulations for the Licensing of Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)-Reimbursable Youth Camps were adopted in accordance with Rhode Island General Law, which was passed for the FY25 budget year. This regulation allows youth camp programs to apply to be licensed summer camps in order to enroll children who are part of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

See comments on the DHS Public Comment Document.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:
§14.1-Removed language regarding the voluntary licensure of non-CCAP camps
§14.5(A)(1)- Changed "Activity Space" to "Activity Area" and updated the definition
§14.5(A)(2)-Updated definition of "Activities Specialist"
§14.5(A)(9)-Updated definition of "Daycamp"
§14.5(A)(15)-Added "All youth camps shall be treated as child day care centers for purposes of assessing fees associated with repeated or egregious non-compliance."
§14.5(A)(16)-Added "All youth camps shall be treated as child day care centers for purposes of assessing fees associated with probationary license status resulting from non-compliance."
§14.6(D)(3)-Corrected citation
§14.6(E)(1)-Updated language regarding RISES Workforce Registry

§14.6(F)-Updated language regarding renewal applications
§14.6(G)(5)(6)-Removed language regarding programs that operate in multiple areas of the building, and timing of notification when a program closes prior to license ending.
§14.7(A)(1)- Updated language regarding lead inspections
§14.7(A)(3)-Removed timeframes for lead and radon inspections
§14.7(C)(3)-Removed temperature requirements
§14.7(F)-Updated title of section to "Indoor Activity Area Requirements", Removed requirement of a utility room
§14.8(B)- Added flexibility for electronic documentation in addition to written.
§14.8(B)-Updated language to allow children thirteen (13) years or older to self carry and administer their own OTC medication with parent's consent.
§14.8(E)-Updated language regarding firearms/weapons
§14.8(I)-Updated references to "cots" to "appropriate resting surface", added flexibility for portable first aid kits and choke saving posters. Also added language allowing flexibility for electronic signature when applicable
§14.8(J)-Updated language regarding programs that operate overnight care
§14.8(M)-Updated language regarding posting of allergy information
§14.10(A)-Added language regarding children ages sixteen (16)- eighteen (18). Updated language regarding fourteen(14) hour time limit.
§14.10(B)(5)-Updated language regarding hazardous activities. Updated language regarding adult volunteers. Updated table to "swim and hazardous activity staff/child ratios"
§14.10(C)-Added flexibility for recurring field trips.
§14.10(E)-Updated language regarding privacy during bathroom and changing of clothes
§14.10(F)(6) and §14.11(B)(2)(13)- Removed reference to assistant director
§14.10(F)(11)-Removed ninety (90) day requirement
§14.10(G)(1)(a)-Removed "or responsible for the supervision of children"
§14.11(B)(5)-Added language regarding Junior Counselors/Counselors in Training
§14.11(C)-Updated language regarding staff orientation
§14.11(D)-Updated language regarding professional development and removed references to IPDP
§14.12(F)(6)-Removed language
§14.12(F)- Removed language regarding staff health records
§14.13(A)- Removed language regarding activities being completed on at least a weekly basis
§14.13(D)(1)(4)- Updated language regarding activities and activity area
§14.13(D)(8)-Removed "non sleeping children must have access to quiet activities.
§14.13(E)-Updated language regarding intake and pre-admission conference and communication platforms

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The benefit of this cost is the ability to allow families who would not typically be able to afford summer camp an opportunity to receive care during the summer months in a safe, licensed program.