

State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: Child Care Assistance Program for Child Care Educators and Child Care Staff Rules and Regulations (218-RICR-20-00-13)

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		State Expenditures		City/Town Expenditures	
FY 2027	\$ 0	FY 2027	\$0	FY 2027	\$ 0
FY 2028	\$ 0	FY 2028	\$0	FY 2028	\$ 0
FY 2029	\$ 0	FY 2029	\$0	FY 2029	\$ 0

Summary of Policy Change: The FY 27 Rhode Island state budget increases the income threshold for exiting the Child Care for Child Care Educators and Child Care Staff Pilot from three hundred (300%) percent to three hundred twenty-five percent (325%) of the federal poverty level (FPL). The change allows eligible child care educators and staff to continue receiving child care assistance as household income increases.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact of this change will be absorbed in caseload using federal dollars (CCDF) and the cost is based on new and incoming participants to be able to stay on the program through 325% FPL. The federal funds amounts are estimated at \$111,019 in SFY 2027, \$714,643 in SFY 2028 and \$776,451 in SFY 2029.

City or Town Impact: There is no city or town impact for this policy change.

Approved on: 9/24/2026 by Libby Kimzey, DHS CFO