NOTICE TO DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Proposed Amendments to Rule 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes

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The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to Rule 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes:

For licensees who have been granted an Extended Capacity:

- Through **July 1, 2025**, when a caregiver and two adult assistants (age 18 and older who meet the requirements listed in Section 408.50) are present, care may be provided for two additional children who are 30 months of age or older, as well as two additional children who are attending school full-time.
    - The care of school-age children is limited to those times listed in 408.65(c)(2).
    - The second adult assistant shall be present at all times when providing care for two additional children who are 30 months of age or older.
- When a licensee or permit holder has been granted the extended capacity of four additional children in writing, a caregiver's own full-time school-age children shall be counted in the additional school-age children when there are more than 12 children in care, and two qualified assistants are present.

Group day care home providers with an extended capacity should continue to follow DCFS Policy Guide 2023.02 until the proposed rules have been adopted.

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On November 17, 2023, the Secretary of State published proposed amendments in Volume 47, Issue 46, of the *Illinois Register*. Copies are available in local libraries and on the Secretary of State's website at:

https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/index/register/home.html

Copies are also available at the DCFS website at:

https://dcfs.illinois.gov/about-us/notices/pr-policy-rulemaking.html

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The Department will consider fully all written comments on this proposed rulemaking submitted during the 45-day comment period. Comments submitted by small businesses should be identified as much. Comments will be accepted until January 1, 2024.