
NOTICE TO GROUP DAY CARE HOME PROVIDERS

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

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Rule 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes, Section 408.65 Number and Ages of Children served includes the following language for group day care homes granted an extended capacity:

- A caregiver and two assistants shall be present at all times when there are more than 12 children in the home.
- When a caregiver, a full-time assistant (age 18 and older), and a part-time assistant (as described in Section 408.50(b)) are present, care may be provided for four additional school-age children. The care of school-age children is limited to children who attend school full-time, before and/or after school, when school is not in session, and, when the provider's own children come home sick.
- **This amendment removes the sunset date of the following extended capacity provisions, and makes the changes permanent:**

When a caregiver and two adult assistants (age 18 and older) who meet the requirements of 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. Both adult assistants must be utilized at all times when more than 12 children are present, and the extended capacity includes two children ages 30 months through five years of age (who are not enrolled in school).

- The licensee's own full-time school-age children shall be counted in the additional school-age children when there are more than 12 children present and two qualified assistants are present.
- The total capacity of the group day care home with an approved extended capacity shall not exceed 16 children.

Licensees must comply with all provisions of Rule 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes in order to maintain an extended capacity.

This is a summary of changes. A full copy of Rule 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes will be available on the Department website in the near future.