

NOTICE TO DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Proposed Amendments to Rule 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers

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The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to Rule 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers:

- When all children are two years of age or older, an Early Childhood Assistant 18 years of age or older may provide direct supervision without the presence of an Early Childhood Teacher to a classroom for the first 90 minutes of the licensed program hours, and for the last 90 minutes of the licensed program hours.
- The use of an Early Childhood Assistant without an Early Childhood Teacher present shall not be utilized for three consecutive hours, and shall not exceed 50 percent of the licensed classrooms that are operating during that time frame.
- The director shall provide on-going on-site supervision of the Early Childhood Assistant.
- The day care center director shall post a notice outside of each classroom if that room is temporarily staffed with an Early Childhood Assistant without an Early Childhood Teacher present.
- The day care center shall maintain a daily log of names, dates, and times of usage of each Early Childhood Assistant utilized in each classroom without an Early Childhood Teacher present.
- There shall be a staffing plan that identifies each classroom where an Early Childhood Assistant is utilized without an Early Childhood Teacher present.

COMMENTS AND COPIES OF PROPOSED CHANGES

On June 16, 2023, the Secretary of State published proposed amendments in Volume 47, Issue 24, 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/volume47/register_volume47_24.pdf

Copies are also available at the DCFS website at:

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

Copies may be requested from, and comments may be sent to:

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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 such. Comments will be accepted until **September 2, 2023**.