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**Report From Agency**

**Rule Report for Legislative Review**

**Child Care Subsidy Program Integrity**

**DCF 201/CR 17-099**

**Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule**

The proposed rule updates the department's child care subsidy rules to address program integrity concerns with the department's new system for issuing subsidy payments to parents.

**Public Hearing Summary**

The department held a public hearing on the proposed rules on January 26, 2018, in Madison.

**Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations**

All comments were accepted.

**Changes to Analysis Prepared under Section 227.14 (2), Stats.**

References to a related proposed rule, CR 17-033, were removed because the proposed rule is now effective and has been incorporated into the existing ch. DCF 201.

**Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

The proposed rule will affect small businesses, including child care providers that are small businesses as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The effect will be minimal. The rule requires a provider to have a written agreement with each parent who receives a subsidy for child care by the provider. The agreement is required to include the basic terms of the business arrangement. Many providers already have similar agreements with parents. For providers that do not already have an agreement, the department is providing a template. No professional skills are required.

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