

Summary of Revised **Proposed** Changes to the Regulations for Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes

Section 19a-79-1a. Definitions

- Defines “non-program staff” and “volunteer,” and redefines “employment.”

Section 19a-79-3a. Administration

- Makes clear the operator shall employ staff and “alternate” staff
- The most recent inspection report must be posted or made available for review upon request

Section 19a-79-4a. Staffing

- Requires the operator to conduct employment history checks on all prospective program staff and makes clear these checks must be accessible to the Office upon request

Section 19a-79-6a. Health and safety

- Removes repealed DPH Model Food regulations

Section 19a-79-7a. Physical plant

- Specifies that indoor and outdoor space at the same address as the facility shall not be used for field trips unless the program can ensure the health and safety of all children using such space. Written parent permission shall be obtained and kept on file for Office review and such parent(s) shall be advised such space is not inspected or approved by the OEC
- Specifies that an operator may be subject to environmental testing of the building when chemicals are suspected and includes water served by a public water company.
- The site for water testing and method for testing water are specified and results shall be kept on file at the facility. The analysis of water samples shall be conducted by a registered environmental laboratory. Tests for water obtained from other than a public water system are specified. Additional water tests may be required.

Section 19a-79-10. Under three endorsement

- The height of a fence used to enclose infant toddler play space is now specified as four feet for those spaces licensed on and after January 1, 2024.

Section 19a-79-11. School age children endorsement

- The ratio of program staff to children has changed from 1:10 to 1:12.