

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis

1. Types and Estimated Numbers of Rural Areas:

This rule will apply to all residential congregate programs operated, approved, licensed, or certified by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), with the exception of family-type homes for adults and nonsecure detention family boarding care facilities, in all 44 rural areas of the state.

2. Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance, and Professional Services:

OCFS does not anticipate there will be reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance or professional services related to this regulation.

3. Costs:

There are no new costs associated with this rule in rural areas.

4. Minimizing Adverse Impact:

OCFS does not anticipate any adverse impact to congregate residential programs operated, approved, licensed, or certified by OCFS in rural areas as a result of this rule.

5. Rural Area Participation:

Since the start of the pandemic, OCFS has continuously worked with all congregate residential programs operated, approved, licensed, or certified by OCFS regarding actions to help minimize the spread of COVID-19. OCFS anticipates continuing this relationship as it completes necessary guidance related to the requirements set forth in this regulation.