

## Rural Area Flexibility Analysis

### 1. Types and estimated numbers of rural areas:

The emergency and proposed regulations will affect day care centers and home-based child care providers located in all 44 rural areas of the State. Statewide, there are approximately 17,230 child care programs.

### 2. Reporting, recordkeeping, and other compliance requirements and professional services:

The regulations will not result in any new reporting or recordkeeping requirements for child care programs.

Licensed and registered child care programs are currently required by regulation to maintain a record that demonstrates that each non-school age child in care has received age-appropriate immunizations in accordance with New York State Public Health Law or, a statement indicating the child is not immunized based on parent's religious beliefs, or with a statement from a physician stating that one or more of the immunizations would be detrimental to a child's health.

### 3. Costs:

The implementation of emergency regulations will not result in costs to child care programs.

### 4. Minimizing adverse impact:

To minimize the impact of the proposed regulations, any group family day care, family day care, or day care center may admit or continue to serve any child who is not yet fully immunized when the child receives the first dose of immunization within 14 days of enrollment, and the parent or caretaker submits documentation to the program within 30 days showing they have made appointments for all follow-up doses. Any child who is missing one or more of the required immunizations may be provided care if a physician, licensed to practice medicine in New York

State furnishes the program with a signed, completed medical exemption form issued by the New York State Department of Health or New York City Department of Education certifying that such immunizations may be detrimental to the child's health, containing sufficient information to identify a medical contraindication to the specific immunizations and specifying the length of time each immunization is medically contraindicated. The medical exemption must be reissued annually.

5. Rural area participation:

The proposed emergency regulations affect day care centers and home-based child care providers located in all areas of New York State.