

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis

1) Types and Estimated Numbers of Rural Areas

The proposed regulations will apply to eligible families utilizing any modality of regulated child care program operating in the 44 rural areas of the state.

2) Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance; and Professional Services

There would be minor adjustments required to administrative functions related to determining eligibility and recordkeeping associated with the proposed changes for districts. The changes to the child care regulations are necessary to implement the requirements of statute.

3) Costs

The costs associated with the proposed changes are anticipated to be minimal. These costs are required under state law and will be allowable expenditures under the child care block grant.

4) Minimizing Adverse Impact

The Office does not anticipate any adverse impact to the child care subsidy program in rural areas as a result of the proposed regulations.

5) Rural Area Participation

The statute requires implementation uniformly across the state. OCFS will provide guidance and outreach to small businesses, local districts and local governments that are impacted by the new regulation.