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### **Article 1: Child Care**

#### Overview

This article modifies the child care assistance program.

- **Date of eligibility for assistance.** Amends § 119B.09, subd. 7. Changes the date of eligibility for the Basic Sliding Fee child care program from the date of signature to the date of receipt of the application.
- **Fee schedule.** Amends § 119B.12, subd. 1. Changes the parent fee schedule from monthly to biweekly.
- **Parent fee.** Amends § 119B.12, subd. 2. Makes a conforming change related to the change to the parent fee schedule.
- **Background study required.** Amends § 119B.125, subd. 1a. Modifies background study requirements to align background study requirements for legal, nonlicensed providers with the requirements for licensed providers.
- **Persons who cannot be authorized.** Amends § 119B.125, subd. 2. Modifies background study requirements to align background study requirements for legal, nonlicensed providers with the requirements for licensed providers.
- **Record-keeping requirement.** Amends § 119B.125, subd. 6. Requires child care providers receiving child care assistance payments to maintain written attendance records. Specifies the information that must be included in the written records.
- **Subsidy restrictions.** Amends § 119B.13, subd. 1. Changes the frequency of the market rate survey from annual to biennial beginning in 2012.
- **8 Provider rate differential for accreditation.** Amends § 119B.13, subd. 3a. Updates the provider rate differential provision to reflect the rating level in the career lattice. Removes obsolete language.
- **Provider payments.** Amends § 119B.13, subd. 6. Prohibits child care assistance payments to providers who are not in compliance with certain licensing or child care assistance program

requirements.

Child care assistance program rule change. Requires the commissioner to amend Minnesota Rules to remove a requirement that child care assistance applications be submitted by mail or delivered to the agency within 15 calendar days after the date of signature. Requires the commissioner to comply with the expedited rulemaking process in adopting the amendment.

### Article 2: Simplification of MFIP and DWP

#### Overview

This article makes changes to simplify MFIP and DWP.

- **Caregiver.** Amends § 256J.08, subd. 11. Modifies the definition of "caregiver" by removing the term "natural parent" and replacing it with "birth parent."
- **Mandatory assistance unit composition.** Amends § 256J.24, subd. 2. Removes the term "natural parent" and replaces it with "birth parent."
- **Family cap.** Amends § 256J.24, subd. 6. Makes technical and clarifying changes to the family cap provision.
- **Recertification.** Amends § 256J.32, subd. 6. Aligns MFIP redetermination policy with food support policy for employed MFIP participants by removing the requirement to come into the office for a face-to-face visit to redetermine benefits. Makes this section effective October 1, 2011.
- Work participation cash benefits. Amends § 256J.621. Removes inconsistent language.
- **Exclusive procedure.** Amends § 256J.68, subd. 7. Modifies the injury protection program to extend third party liability protection to participants.
- Fligibility for DWP. Amends § 256J.95, subd. 3. Modifies eligibility for the DWP program by making technical changes and removing two categories of persons from the list of persons excluded from DWP eligibility.