

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS.

7 AAC 41. Child Care Assistance Program.



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**Please see the public notice for details about how to
comment on these proposed changes.**

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

Title 7. Health and Social Services.**Chapter 41. Child Care Assistance Program.****7 AAC 41.025. Program rates.**

7 AAC 41.025(a) is amended to read:

(a) For purposes of calculating a family's program benefits under 7 AAC 41.345, the program rate for each category of care authorized for a child is established in the department's Child Care Assistance Program Rate Schedule, revised as of **December 1, 2021**, [MARCH 1, 2019,] and adopted by reference. The rates in the schedule are set out by type of facility licensed under 7 AAC 57 or approved under this chapter, category of care, and geographic area. (Eff. 6/23/2006, Register 178; am 8/31/2008, Register 187; am 2/31/2010, Register 193; am 1/5/2017, Register 221; am 9/11/2017, Register 223; am 10/31/2019, Register 232; am ___/___/___; Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.25.001 AS 47.25.041

7 AAC 41.310. Eligible activities.

7 AAC 41.310(c) is amended to read:

(c) During the family's eligibility period,

(1) if a parent experiences a non-temporary cessation of an eligible activity of a job, [JOB LOSS OR ENDS PARTICIPATION IN A] job training or educational program, the family will continue to receive program benefits at the same level for a period of three months for the parent to engage in job search activities. The family's program benefits will end after the three-month period of job search activities, unless the parent has resumed work or is attending a job training or educational program; [.]

(2) if the parent experiences an absence from their eligible activity, there is no time limit for that absence if the family will be returning to an eligible activity with verification. A family must be participating in an eligible activity at the time of their next application.

(Eff. 6/23/2006, Register 178; am 1/5/2017, Register 221; am ____/____/____; Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.25.001 AS 47.25.021

7 AAC 41.335. Family income and contribution schedule.

7 AAC 41.335(a) is amended to read:

(a) To determine the amount the family must contribute toward the eligible cost of care, the department will or a designee shall use the department's Family Income and Contribution Schedule, revised as of **February 21, 2022**, [AUGUST 31, 2018,] and adopted by reference. This amount will be based on family size and income level, and on a sliding fee scale.

(Eff. 6/23/2006, Register 178; am 11/1/2010, Register 196; am 1/5/2017, Register 221; am 9/11/2017, Register 223; am 10/31/2019, Register 232; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.25.041 AS 47.25.051
AS 47.25.001

7 AAC 41.990. Definitions.

7 AAC 41.990(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(1) “absence from eligible activity” means a temporary period of time from a family’s eligible activity, to which they will return and can provide verification;

7 AAC 41.990(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(2) “cessation of eligible activity” means the ending of an eligible activity, to which the family will not return within their current eligibility period.

(Eff. 6/23/2006, Register 178; am 1/5/2017, Register 221; am ____/____/____; Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.25.001 AS 47.25.095