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DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
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# SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

## Proposed Regulations

### NAC 424 Foster Homes for Children

(Prepared pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 233B.0608)

These regulations are put forward in response to Governor Lombardo's Executive Order 2023-003 and based on the guidance issued by the Federal Register on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66700), Sections 471(a)(10), (11), (20), and 474 of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act; Public Law (P.L.) 115-123; 45 CFR 1355.20 and 1356.21(m) adding separate licensing standards for relatives. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has encouraged all Title IV-E agencies to adopt licensing or approval standards for relative or kinship foster family homes that place as few burdens on such families as possible, consistent with ensuring the safety and well-being of children in foster care.

***This Small Business Impact Statement summary is in its entirety.***

**1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

On November 20, 2025, the Division of Child and Family Services, Washoe County Human Services Agency and Clark County Family Services had disseminated the Small Business Impact Questionnaire via electronic email to all foster care providers licensed within the State of Nevada requesting responses by December 5, 2025.

One (1) response was received indicating the proposed regulations would have no adverse effect on their facility.

To obtain a copy of the responses, please contact Amber Howell at [ahowell@dcfs.nv.gov](mailto:ahowell@dcfs.nv.gov).

**2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted.**

The analysis was conducted by reading the response. Since the response indicated no fiscal impact to its operations, the agency concluded its review and took no further action to analyze the impact of the regulation.

**3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on small businesses which it is to regulate, including without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects on both direct and indirect effects.**

Adverse and Beneficial Effects: No adverse or benefits effects were identified.

Direct and Indirect Effects: No direct or indirect effects were identified.

**4. A description of the methods that DCFS considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used those methods.**

Based on the responses, DCFS did not consider any other methods to reduce the impact because there was no assertion these regulations impacted small businesses.

**5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of proposed regulations.**

There is no additional cost to the child welfare agencies to implement these proposed provisions.

**6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total amount the agency expects to collect from any fees and the manner in which the money will be used.**

No fees are being proposed within these provisions.

**7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.**

There are not any duplicative or more stringent provisions for licensing of foster, relative and/or kinship homes.

**8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of the proposed regulation on small business.**

There is no fiscal impact to foster homes. It decreases some licensing requirements and streamlines the process in recognition that children are best cared for when they are in placement with a relative. It doesn't add any new burdens that would require a significant impact to these homes.

If any additional items are needed to submit these rules to the Legislative Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Amber Howell at [ahowell@dcfs.nv.gov](mailto:ahowell@dcfs.nv.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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