Child Care Services
Proposed Rule Changes

October 1, 2020
The proposed amendments have been posted to the Department’s website at:

http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/ProposedRevisions.aspx
Understanding the Why

• National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs
• Guidance from
  • Caring for Our Children
  • The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
  • The American Public Health Association (APHA)
  • The National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC)
Scheduled 2020 Timeline

27 July
Email blast & Web Posting

27 August
Webinars for Providers
• 12:30 pm
• 5:00 pm

Public hearing & Board vote

18 August

1 October
Effective

August – September
Changes in DECAL KOALA
Posting with Secretary of State
TA with Providers
Chapters Affected

**CCLC**
- **591-1-1-.15** Food Service and Nutrition
- **591-1-1-.16** Governing Body and Licenses
- **591-1-1-.17** Hygiene
- **591-1-1-.29** Required Reporting
- **591-1-1-.32** Supervision

**FCCLH**
- **290-2-3-.04** Requirements for Applications and Licenses
- **290-2-3-.07** Staffing and Supervision
- **290-2-3-.10** Nutrition and Food Services
- **290-2-3-.11** Health, Safety, and Discipline
- **290-2-3-.14** Reporting
591-1-1-.15 Food Service and Nutrition

- **.15(2)** - Feeding of Infants and Children
- **.15(2)(c)** – Requirements for introduction of solid food for children less than 1 (physician and parent)
- **.15(2)(f)** – Food size requirements for infants and toddlers
- **.15(2)(g)** – Preventative measures for choking
- **.15(6)(g)** – Drinking water available to all children
- **.15(7)** – Broadened restrictions on types, sizes, and manner of foods served; changed age requirements from 3 to 4
- **.15(8)** – Food of no nutritional value – made into stand alone rule
INTRODUCTION OF SOLID FOODS

The introduction of age-appropriate solid foods should preferably occur at six months of age, but no sooner than four months. Has the parent discussed with the child’s primary caregiver that the child has met appropriate developmental skills for the introduction of solid foods?  
Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Parent Initials: ______________________

The child has reached the following developmental skills:

- Can hold his/her head steady?  
  Yes [ ]  No [ ]
- Opens mouth/leans forward in anticipation of food offered?  
  Yes [ ]  No [ ]
- Closes lips around a spoon?  
  Yes [ ]  No [ ]
- Transfers food from front of the tongue to the back and swallows?  
  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Instructions for the introduction of solid foods ____________________________________________

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591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & Licenses

- .16(e) – License Fees
  - Annual requirement
  - Specifies fee amounts
  - Details late fee and revocation requirements for failure to pay
591-1-1-.17 Hygiene

• .17(4) – Contagious Diseases – broadened to include not allowing Children or Parents into the program who have symptoms of contagious disease, virus or illness
  • Specifically references COVID-19
591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

• .29(1) – Child Abuse/Neglect - 24-hour reporting requirement; requires reporting to DFCS and to DECAL that a report was made

• .29(2) Communicable Diseases - reference to COVID-19 and any illnesses identified during a public health emergency be reported to DECAL and local County Health Department as required by DPH

• .29(3) – Required Reports - added operating status changes
591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

• .32(7) – Supervision
  • Appropriate to individual age, needs and capabilities of each child
  • Expanded requirements for activities, transportation, transitions, etc.
  • Ability to see and hear children at all times
  • Mealtime supervision – seated and within an arm’s length away for children thirty-six (36) months old or younger
290-2-3-.04 Requirements for Applications and Licenses

• .04(1)(f) – License Fees
  • Annual requirement
  • Specifies fee amounts
  • Details late fee and revocation requirements for failure to pay
290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

• .07(17) – Supervision
  • Appropriate to individual age, needs and capabilities of each child
  • Defined requirements for activities, transportation, transitions, etc.
  • Defined supervision
  • Mealtime supervision – seated and within an arm’s length away for children thirty-six (36) months old or younger
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

- .10(1) – Compliance with USDA Nutritional Guidelines
- .10(2) – Non-nutritional Food and Drinks
- .10(3) – Infant Feeding Plan Requirements
  - .10(3)(a) – Hold infants for feeding and not prop bottles
  - .10(3)(b) – No honey to children under 1
# Infant Feeding Plan

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<th>Does the child take a bottle?</th>
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<td>Is the bottle warmed?</td>
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<td>Does the child hold own bottle?</td>
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<td>Can the child feed self?</td>
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Does the child eat: (check all that apply)
- [ ] Strained Foods
- [ ] Whole Milk
- [ ] Baby Foods
- [ ] Table Food
- [ ] Formula
- [ ] Other

What type formula used, if applicable?

Amount and time of formula/breast milk to be given: ___________________________ Date ______________

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## Introduction of Solid Foods

The introduction of age-appropriate solid foods should preferably occur at six months of age, but no sooner than four months. Has the parent discussed with the child’s primary caregiver that the child has met appropriate developmental skills for the introduction of solid foods?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Parent Initials: ______________________

The child has reached the following developmental skills:

- Can hold his/her head steady?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Opens mouth/leans forward in anticipation of food offered?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Closes lips around a spoon?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Transfers food from front of the tongue to the back and swallows?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

Instructions for the introduction of solid foods: ________________________________
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

• .10(3)(c) - Requirements for introduction of solid food for children less than 1 (physician and parent)
• .10(3)(d) – Assist and encourage self feeding
• .10(3)(e) – Designated space for breastfeeding mothers
• .10(3)(f) – Food size requirements for infants and toddlers
• .10(3)(g) – Preventative measures for choking
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

- .10(4) – Baby bottle and formula requirements
- .10(5) – Feeding chair requirements
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

• .10(6) – Weekly menu posted and maintained
• .10(7)(a) – Serve scheduled meals and snacks
• .10(7)(b) – Serve food in appropriate dishes
• .10(7)(c) – Encourage but don’t force children to eat
• .10(7)(d) – Food not used for punishment or reward
• .10(7)(e) – Assist and encourage good nutritional habits
• .10(7)(f) – Serving hot foods
• .10(7)(g) – Drinking water available
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

- .10(8) - Restrictions on types, sizes, and manner of foods served; ages for requirements
- .10(9) – Modified diet requirements
- .10(10) – Uneaten food requirements
- .10(11) – Food safe for consumption
290-2-3-.10 Nutrition and Food Services

- .10(12) – Food preparation areas
- .10(13) – Refrigeration and freezer requirements
- .10(14) – Food storage areas
- .10(15) – Containers for food storage
- .10(16) – Storing cleaning materials separate from food
- .10(17) – Garbage requirements
- .10(18) – Hygiene requirements for food service
- .10(19) – Dishwashing requirements
290-2-3-.11 Health, Safety, and Discipline

• .11(1)(a) – Contagious Diseases – broadened to include not allowing Parents, Staff, or persons being supervised by Staff into the Home who have symptoms of contagious disease, virus or illness
  • Specifically references COVID-19
290-2-3-.14 Reporting

• .14(1) - Required Reports - added operating status changes
• .14(2) - Criminal Records - matched wording in CCLC
• .14(3) - Child Abuse/Neglect - requires reporting to DFCS and to DECAL that a report was made
• .14(4) - Communicable Diseases - reference to COVID-19 and any illnesses identified during a public health emergency be reported to DECAL and local County Health Department as required by DPH
• .14(5) - Annual Reports