

DCYF's Foster Care Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)
WAC Completion Progress Report

Progress During the 5th Four-Week Rotation from March 3-28, 2025 (WAC Set 5 and pending WAC from Sets 1-4)

Negotiation completed on the following WAC:

Consensus reached

DRAFT WAC 110-148-1565 Medication storage.

Foster homes must store medication that they have obtained as follows, keep:

- (1) Prescription and over-the-counter medications in locked storage that children and youth are unable to unlock, except:
 - (i) Ointments and eye drops; and
 - (ii) As outlined in WAC 110-148-1580;
- (2) Emergency medications easily accessible to caregivers.

DRAFT WAC 110-148-1575 Administering medication.

Foster parents administering medication must:

- (1) Keep a written record in the child's or youth's well-being file that:
 - (a) Lists:
 - (i) All prescription medications; and
 - (ii) Over-the-counter medications used off label or for more than three consecutive days;
 - (b) Includes:
 - (i) The dates, dosage, and reason given; and
 - (ii) Any medication refusals;
 - (c) Stays with the child or youth when they leave the home; and
 - (d) Is submitted to the caseworker quarterly;
- (2) Notify children's and youth's caseworkers in writing if:
 - (a) There are changes in prescribed medications, except that changes to psychotropic medications must be approved by the caseworker per WAC 110-148-1590; or
 - (b) A child comes into placement without a medication record;
- (3) Give prescription medications as directed by:
 - (a) The person legally authorized to prescribe the medication; or
 - (b) The medication label;
- (4) Give over-the-counter medications:

- (a) As directed by the medication label; and
- (b) In consultation with children and youth appropriate to their developmental capabilities; and
- (5) If children or youth miss or refuse prescribed medication for two consecutive days, consult with their:
 - (a) Licensed health care provider; and
 - (b) Caseworker.

DRAFT WAC 110-148-1600 Respite care.

- (1) Foster parents may arrange for respite care if they are absent or require support if they meet the following requirements. They must:
 - (a) Notify the children's or youth's caseworkers or CPA licensors prior to beginning respite care;
 - (b) Verify the care is provided either by:
 - (i) Another licensed foster care provider; or
 - (ii) An LD-certified respite care provider in the licensed foster home; and
 - (c) Provide their contact information in case of emergency and any of the following that apply:
 - (i) Special care instructions;
 - (ii) Medication logs; or
 - (iii) Expectations regarding supervision and behavior management of children and youth in care.
- (2) Individuals must apply with the department to become certified to provide respite care. To be qualified, they must:
 - (a) Be 18 years old or older;
 - (b) Pass a background check per chapter 110-04 WAC;
 - (c) Submit the following with their application:
 - (i) All required attestations;
 - (ii) Documentation showing they have completed:
 - (A) The training requirements in section 110-148-1320 (2);
 - (B) The TB screening requirements in section 110-148-1320 (4);
 - (C) Infant safety training; and
 - (d) Complete an interview with the department.

Partial consensus reached

None during this time period.

Negotiations continue on the following WAC:

- 110-148-1395 Admitting and retaining children and youth (WAC Set 1)
- 110-145-1405 Children's and youth's well-being files (WAC Set 2)
- 110-148-1420 Reporting incidents (WAC Set 2)
- 110-148-1435 Travel with children or youth (WAC Set 2)
- 110-148-1475 Shared bedrooms (WAC Set 3)
- 110-148-1500 Firearms and other weapons (WAC Set 3)
- 110-148-XXXX Technology use (WAC Set 4)
- 110-148-1545 Inventory of children's and youth's belongings (WAC Set 4)
- 110-148-1580 Children and youth taking their own medications (WAC Set 5)
- 110-148-1605 Babysitting used for substitute care for up to 72 hours. (WAC Set 5)
- 110-148-1610 Supervising children and youth, including around bodies of water (WAC Set 5)
- 110-148-1615 Behavior management (WAC Set 5)
- 110-148-1620 Use of restraints (WAC Set 5)