



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Jason Ramynke, Child Care Subsidy Program Administrator
SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 23-09-074 on April 19, 2023:

Amended: WAC 110-15-0075

REASON FOR ADOPTION: The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is amending WAC 110-15-0075 Determining income and eligibility and copayment amounts. DCYF is adjusting copayment amounts for families above 50 percent and at or below 60 percent of the state median income from \$115 to \$165 as required under RCW 43.216.1368.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED	THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED ALL THE COMMENTS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS, OR THE REASONS NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, FOLLOW.
Regarding the adjustment of copayment amounts for families above 50 percent and at or below 60 percent of the state median income from \$115 to \$165, I'd like to submit my feedback. With prices for food and rent rising rapidly, families are struggling to make ends meet. In my opinion, a large jump from \$115 to \$165 copay would put childcare out of reach for many families in this income category.	Thank you for your comment on the change in copayment from \$115 to \$165 for some families. This change was implemented by the Legislature as a feature of the 2021 Fair Start for Kids Act. We appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration for any future copayment changes. No change will be made to the final rule on this rulemaking.

This document also serves as the summary of public hearing comments to the agency head required under RCW 34.05.325(4).

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator