



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING**

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: March 23, 2021 (Amended March 30, 2021)

**Subject: Proposed DHS Rule-Making for 218-RICR-70-00-7,
Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed and amended DHS rules. This rule is being amended in compliance with state and federal law and good practice.

**218-RICR-70-00-7
Office of Child Care Licensing
Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure**

The proposed revisions are as follows:

- § 7.1.2 Added subsection “Purpose”
- § 7.1.3 Added subsection “Incorporated Materials”
- § 7.1.4 (A) Updated Definitions sections, including changes to definition of Group Family Child Care Home; added the following definitions: Approved Assistant, Capacity, Department, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Emergency Assistant, Licensing Unit, Program, Provider, Substitute, Usable Floor Space, Variance, Waiver, Weapons
- § 7.3.2 G. Added paragraph “Prohibited Practices”
- § 7.3.2 J. Added paragraph “Hygiene”
- § 7.3.2 O. Added paragraph “Animals”
- § 7.3.2 P. Added paragraph “Equipment and Furniture”
- § 7.3.3(B) Added subsection “Diapering and Toileting
- § 7.3.3(C) Added subsection “Sleeping
- § 7.3.7 Added subchapter “Learning and Development”
- Updated language to the following subchapters:
 - §§ 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 7.2.6, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3, 7.3.4, 7.3.5, 7.3.6, 7.3.7
- Reformatted the following subchapters:
 - §§ 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3, 7.3.4, 7.3.6, 7.3.7
- Changed titles of the following subchapters:
 - §§ 7.2.1 B., 7.2.1 C., 7.2.1 D., 7.2.2, 7.2.2 A., 7.2.2 B., 7.2.2 C., 7.2.2 D., 7.2.3, 7.3.1, 7.3.1 A., 7.3.1 B., 7.3.1 C., 7.3.1 D., 7.3.1E., 7.3.1 F., 7.3.1 G., 7.3.1 H.,

7.3.2, 7.3.2 A., 7.3.2 B., 7.3.2 E., 7.3.2 K., 7.3.3, 7.3.3 A., 7.3.4A., 7.3.4 B.,
7.3.4 C., 7.3.4 D., 7.3.4 E., 7.3.4 F., 7.3.4 G., 7.3.5, 7.3.5 A., 7.3.5B., 7.3.5 C.,
7.3.5 D., 7.3.5 E., 7.3.6 A., 7.3.6 B., 7.3.6 C., 7.3.6 E., 7.3.6 F.

- Revised order of Regulation, updated section numbers, updated Table of Contents accordingly
- Updated and added Citations as needed
- Technical revisions throughout

There will be two public hearings held to consider the proposed amendments:

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:00pm on line via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86713164735?pwd=bkZsY2RCNW5xRVpJZzJMMTF4VWN4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 867 1316 4735 Passcode: 347847 Dial in 1-646-558-8656.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00pm on line via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83151280627?pwd=bStOQXBubEg4S2VYQkIvU296MnRIUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 5128 0627 Passcode: 840713 Dial in 1-646-558-8656.

This proposed rule is accessible through the RI Secretary of State's website

(<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/218>), on the DHS website (<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/>) or available in hard copy upon request (401 462-2018).

Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by April 22, 2021 to Tara Borges, Department of Human Services, Office of Policy Development, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, 25 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to tara.borges@dhs.ri.gov.