

NEW: Proposed Rule Changes for Child Care Programs in 2004

Two state laws were passed in 2003 that impact child care centers and homes. House Bill 152 requires child care facilities that care for infants to place infants on their backs to sleep, to develop policies on safe sleep environments, and for infant caregivers to complete training on safe sleep practices. Senate Bill 226 makes it illegal to give medication to children in child care without proper authorization.

The Child Care Commission proposes some changes to the child care licensing rules to implement these laws, along with some other revisions. If adopted, the changes would become effective May 1, 2004. Anyone is welcome to comment on the proposed rules, either in writing or verbally at a public hearing. The Child Care Commission is interested in hearing your suggested changes, concerns, or support for the proposed rules

View a [summary](#) of the major changes proposed in the rules, or access a [copy of the rules](#) published in the *NC Register* on December 15, 2003. Written comments on the proposed rule changes will be accepted through February 13, 2004. A [comment form](#) is provided if you would like to use it. You do not have to use the form if you wish to send your comments in another format. Written comments may also be emailed to janice.fain@ncmail.net.

A public hearing on the rules will be held on February 4, 2004, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 300 at the Division of Child Development. The Division is located at 319 Chapanoke Drive in Raleigh.