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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Toni Sebastian, Deputy Administrator, Child Care Subsidy Programs

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 22-09-019 on April 11, 2022:

New WAC 110-15-0215; and

Amended WAC 110-15-0003; 110-15-0225; and 110-15-3770.

REASON FOR ADOPTION: Establish a **Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care Program** infant rate enhancement of \$90 per infant per month for providers who care for infants aged birth to 11 months.

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.
Child care licensing uses the word “through” 11 months in its definition of “infant”... NOT “to” 11 months. Using the word “to “ 11 months” leaves off the 11 th month!!! I would suggest matching the word “through” in this new rule WAC 110-15-0003.	No changes were made to the final rules. Birth to 11 months is and has been the age criterion for authorizing the infant rate payment to providers. The infant rate is paid to providers for any month that the child is under 12 months on the first day of the month. Starting July 1, the enhancement will be paid consistently with the infant rate.

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