

City Council Introduction: December 15, 2014

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FACTSHEET

TITLE: Proposed Changes to LMC 8.14 Child Care Programs

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

APPLICANT: Health

RECOMMENDATION: For

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None

SPONSOR: Health

OPPONENTS: None identified

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Changes are proposed to eliminate the requirement for school age child care programs to be regulated under LMC 8.14 Child Care Programs.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

LMC 8.14 Child Care Programs regulates child care centers. LLCHD has regulated about 40 school-age child care (also known as before and after school) programs because they were required to have a State child care "center" permit. In 2012, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services revised the State Child Care Program Regulations removing school-age child care programs from the child care center regulations. Child care centers pose significant public health risks due to diapering, food service, caring for highly susceptible population (infants and toddlers), and caring for children for an extended length of time. Before and after school programs care for older children, have limited food service, and typically operate for shorter periods of time. During holidays or summer when full-day care is provided, food service is contracted for through licensed food establishments. Therefore, the public health concerns in before and after care programs are minimal compared to child care centers. Eliminating the requirement to regulate school age child care will allow LLCHD to focus our limited staff resources on child care centers where there is greater public health risk. The Board of Health is anticipated to approve this change on December 9, 2014.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Staff resources that were previously devoted to school age child care will be redirected to higher risk facilities.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: N/A

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:

Fee revenue will decrease by approximately \$4800 per year.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: User fees

CITY: None

NON CITY: User fees

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