Guide to Proposed Changes in Rule 11

This is a general description of the significant changes, by section, of Rule 11. Additions and deletions are outlined. Generally, rewording of items is not included in this summary.

General changes –
The term "early childhood education programs" has been changed throughout the document to "prekindergarten programs"
Center-based is hyphenated throughout the document
Home-based is hyphenated throughout the document
Requirements for a home-based program have been added
Requirements for serving infants and toddlers in a center-based program have been added

001 General Provisions
001.03 – Rewording

002 Definitions
002.08 addition – “Curriculum” definition
002.110 deletion of “Early childhood education program” definition
002.12 addition – Endowment Board of Trustees definition
002.16 addition - Home-based program definition
002.17 addition – Home visiting services definition
002.18 addition - Home visitor definition
002.19 addition - Home Visiting Specialist definition
002.21 rewording – Kindergarten entrance age
002.24 addition - Part-day program definition
002.25 addition - Partnership agreement definition
002.26 rewording – Prekindergarten programs
002.27 rewording – Teach definition

003 Prekindergarten Program Approval Process
003.01 addition – Intent to Operate Statement – addition of requirement that school districts and ESUs inform NDE prior to operating a new prekindergarten program
003.05 General Reports – updated references to NSSRS and CDC, deleted references obsolete reports
003.06 clarification of Early Childhood Program Report requirements
003.05 deleted loss of approval

004. Requirements for Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units
004.01D Clarification of school-community resources requirement
004.02B clarification that Advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act
004.03C addition of the words Early Head Start
004.05 Advisory Committee –moved to 004.02

005 Program and Staff Requirements for Prekindergarten Programs Serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility Age in a Center-Based Program

2/14 based on Draft from 10/13
005.04A1 change “Early Childhood Education” to “prekindergarten”
005.06 insert the word “prekindergarten”
005.06B insert the words “developed by the teacher and the cooperating college or university” increase the number of hours for teachers working toward an early childhood endorsement from three (3) hours annually to six (6) hours annually
005.06C insert “in a classroom setting”
005.06D add section defining use and qualifications of a home visitor working with a center-based prekindergarten who provides family development and support services under the direction of a teacher.
005.06D1 areas of graduate or undergraduate credit needed for a home visitor
005.06E add requirement of an orientation for staff working in a prekindergarten program
005.08 Facilities, Equipment, Health and Safety
005.10 change “must” to “shall”
005.11 add requirement regarding supervision of children
005.12 add requirement regarding toileting
005.13 through 005.13E addition of requirements related to serving infants and toddlers in a center-based program
005.13F through 005.13P addition of requirements related to serving infants and toddlers in a center-based program (continued)
005.14 add language to clarify Sixpence Program grants

006 Program and Staff Requirements for Prekindergarten programs serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility Age in a Home-Based Program - New section outlining requirements for NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION home-based programs.
006.01 Addition of language outlining voluntary program
006.02 addition of requirement for contact hours in Home-based programs
006.03A requirement for written information
006.03B requirement for family orientation to program
006.03C delivery of services
006.04 requirement of a Curriculum for home-based programs
006.04A requirement for description of home-based program
006.05 through 006.05C requirements for Evaluation and Quality Assurance
006.06 through 006.06B Staff qualifications for Home-Based programs

007 Early Childhood Education Grants
007.01 Identifies children who may be served with grant funds.
005.01B Use of Grant Funds
007.01C clarification of ages of children to be served by grant funds
007.02 Grant Application Process
007.02B Updated language regarding the use of appropriate forms
007.03 Grant Funding
007.03A wording clarifications

008 Violations, probation, denial or loss of Program approval and/or Loss of Grant Funds
008.01 updates language about violations of requirements
008.02 clarifies language regarding appeals
008.03 updates language regarding termination of approval or grant funding
008.04 clarifies language regarding board determination of program approval or grant funding

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