

~~(2) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF RATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(3) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL PUBLISH THE PER CHILD RATES PER SERVICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 EACH YEAR.~~

~~(D) (1) AFTER APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AND NONPUBLIC GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SPECIAL SECRETARY ANY CHANGES IN PER CHILD RATES PER SERVICE.~~

~~(2) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGES IN RATES.~~

~~(3) RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AND NONPUBLIC GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSED RATE CHANGES NO LATER THAN 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT.~~

~~(E) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE AN AUDIT OF ANY RESIDENTIAL OR NONRESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM OR NONPUBLIC GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOOL.~~

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Agencies" means the Department of Budget and Management, Department of Education, Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Human Resources, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

(3) "Nonpublic general education school" means a nonpublic school approved in COMAR 13A 09.10.07 pursuant to § 2-206 of the Education Article and operated in conjunction with residential or nonresidential programs licensed or approved by the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, or the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) "Nonresidential child care program" means a program that:

(i) Provides services for children in a nonresidential setting, designed to achieve objectives related to the needs of children at risk of out-of-home placement; and

(ii) Is licensed or approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, or the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(5) "Residential child care program" means a program that:

(i) Provides care for children 24 hours a day within a structured set of services and activities designed to achieve objectives related to the needs of the children served; and