

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a) Specific Purpose of the Regulations and Factual Basis for Determination that Regulations Are Necessary

Section 84001(a).(5)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to define “minor parent program”.

Factual Basis:

The Department is adopting this definition to meet the “necessity” and “consistency” standards of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code Sections 11349(a) and (d), respectively, by making this regulation consistent with the provisions of Section 1530.8(a)(2) of the Health and Safety Code. This definition is necessary to eliminate any confusion about the term used throughout these regulations. Pregnant minors are included in this definition because provider groups, in consultation with the Department, stated that pregnant minors are generally included in the minor parent programs. In addition, the inclusion of pregnant minors is consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11331.5(d) that defines "teenage parent" by including the pregnant woman under 19 years of age.

Section 84065.2(a)(1) and the following Handbook

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to incorporate all parts of Health and Safety Code Section 1522.4(a) that apply to facility managers and to correct the handbook.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code Sections 1522.4(a)(1) through (3) which specify the requirements for a facility manager. As a result the handbook is also being corrected.

Sections 84065.5(b), (b)(1) and (2)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to clarify the staff-to-children ratio.

Factual Basis:

This regulation is amended to meet the “necessity” and “clarity” standard of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code Sections 11349(a) and (c), respectively. The amendment to this section is necessary to establish appropriate day staff-to-child ratios and to clarify that all children in the facility shall be counted in determining appropriate staffing ratios. The amendments also implement the requirement in Section 1530.8(d)(2) of the Health and Safety Code that requires a staffing ratio of 1:4 when the minor parent is absent and the facility is providing direct care and supervision to a child younger than 6 years.

#### Section 84065.7

##### Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this section to clarify the staff-to-children ratio at night.

##### Factual Basis:

The amendment to this section is necessary to clearly establish appropriate night staffing ratios. For minor parent programs, night supervision shall begin at 7 p.m. rather than 10 p.m. because research shows that teenagers need 9-10 hours of sleep, and teenage parents may require more due to sleep deprivation usually accompanied with having an infant. Also, this earlier time allows for the minor parent and child to develop a bedtime ritual. These amendments are also necessary to clarify that the minor parent and child shall be counted when determining appropriate staffing ratios. In an emergency there should be sufficient staff to assure that all residents of a group home exit safely.

#### Section 84200(a)

##### Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify that this regulation applies only to group homes that serve a young child who is not accompanied by the minor parent.

##### Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to meet the “necessity” and “consistency” standard of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code Sections 11349(a) and (d) respectively, by complying with Health and Safety Code Section 1530.8(b) which specifies that separate regulations shall be adopted for minor parent programs.

#### Section 84200(a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

This regulation is amended to clearly explain that the Department is adopting regulations specific to Minor Parent Programs.

Factual Basis:

This regulation is amended for purposes of meeting the “necessity” and “clarity” standards of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code Sections 11349(a) and (c) respectively. This regulation is necessary to comply with Section 1530.8(a)(2) of the Health and Safety Code that requires CDSS to adopt regulations that establish standards for Minor Parent Programs. Therefore, the original language is repealed, as it is no longer necessary and would be duplicative, and reworded for clarity.

Section 84200(b)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify the separate regulations that apply to minor parent programs.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code Section 1530.8(a)(2) which specifies that separate regulations shall be adopted for minor mother (parent) programs.

Section 84200(b)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to exempt minor parent programs from the “family group,” “family-like setting,” and “houseparent” requirements as these terms are defined.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to clarify exemptions for minor parent programs. The presence of the young child’s minor parent makes the exempt provisions unnecessary, because the minor parent provides the “family-like” environment for his or her child.

Section 84200(b)(2)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to exempt minor parent programs from the “primary caregiver” requirements and to require minor parent programs to meet the child care staff duties specified in Section 84065.2(b).

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to clarify exemptions and a requirement for minor parent programs. When the minor parent is present, he or she provides the primary care to his or her child. When the minor parent is not present, the group home child care worker provides the primary care to a minor parent’s child.

Section 84200(b)(3)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to exempt minor parent programs from the staff-to-children ratios of 1:3 and to require minor parent programs to meet the group home staff to children ratios specified at Sections 84065.5 and 84065.7.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code Section 1530.8(d)(2) which specifies that the staff-to-children ratio shall be 1:4 when the minor mother (parent) is absent. The 1:4 staff-to-children ratio is specified at Section 84065.5(b). When the minor parent is present, he or she provides the primary care giving for his or her child. The staff-to-children ratios for when both the minor parent and his or her child are present are specified at Sections 84065.5 and 84065.7.

Section 84200(b)(4)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to exempt minor parent programs from the facility manager pre-employment requirements at Section 84265(b). Also, this adoption is necessary to require minor parent program facility managers to meet the standardized pre-employment requirements of Section 84065(d)(3) [ORD #0499-04: Office of Administrative Law (OAL) file #'s 99-0618-01E (Emergency) and 99-1214-06C (Certificate of Compliance) and California Regulatory Notice Registry, File # Z99-0720-09] and the group home facility manager requirements specified at Section 84065.2(a)(1).

Factual Basis:

The primary focus of minor parent programs is the minor parent. The Department has determined the facility manager requirements specified in Chapter 5, Group Homes, to be necessary for a minor parent program.

Section 84200(b)(5)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to impose the group home standardized training requirements specified in regulation package ORD #0499-04 [see Specific Purpose for Section 84200(b)(4) above] on minor parent programs.

Factual Basis:

The standardized group home staff training requirements specified in regulation package ORD #0499-04 apply to group home programs that serve children who are ages 6 through 18. Minor parents are within those ages. Because the focus of minor parent programs is the minor parent, the Department has determined the standardized group home staff training requirements are necessary for minor parent programs.

Sections 84200(c) et seq. through (g) [Renumbered from Sections 84200(a)(2) through (e)]

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

Sections 84200(a)(2) through (e) are being renumbered for clarity and consistency.

Section 84201(p)(1)

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

The Department is amending this section to replace the phrase "preventive health practices" with "health and safety training." This editorial correction is necessary for consistency and clarity.

Section 84222(a)(5)(A)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to add the child care worker in a minor parent program to the existing requirements.

Factual Basis:

In a minor parent program, the child care worker provides care and supervision of the child under the age of six years, when the minor parent is absent. The Department has determined that the minor parent's child should have the same level of care in the minor parent's absence as a young child placed without the minor parent.

Section 84222(a)(5)(B)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to require minor parent programs to plan indoor and outdoor activities that include time for the minor parent to spend with his or her child.

Factual Basis:

The Department has determined that time spent by a minor parent with his or her child is essential to the young child's development and to the minor parent's development of parenting skills.

Section 84222(a)(12)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to require group homes with minor parent programs to specify in the plan of operation the plan for providing parenting education to the minor parents.

Factual Basis:

The Department, in consultation with members of the Workgroup that discussed appropriate minor parent programs, has determined that an essential service provided in a minor parent program is the development of parenting skills in the minor parents.

Section 84222(a)(13)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to require group homes with minor parent programs to specify in the plan of operation the means for assuring that children under the age of six years are cared for according to the food service, personal services, and sanitation requirements specified in Subchapter 2, Care for Children Under the Age of Six Years, whether cared for by a child care worker or by the minor parent.

Factual Basis:

The Department and the members of the Workgroup that discussed appropriate minor parent programs have determined that children under the age of six years should have the same standard of food service, personal service, and sanitation requirements whether cared for by a houseparent or child care worker or minor parent.

Sections 84265(c), (c)(1), and Handbook

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending Section 84265(c) to require 15 hours of health and safety training. Further, editorial amendments are proposed to Sections 84265(c) and (c)(1).

Factual Basis:

These amendments are necessary to comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998, which amended Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866 to require health and safety training and to specify the content of that training. Further, editorial amendments are necessary for clarity and consistency.

Section 84265(c)(1)(C)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify that pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and pediatric first aid training shall be current.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to comply with SB 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998, which amended Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866 to require that pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and pediatric first aid training be current.

Section 84265(c)(1)(D)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify that preventive health practices training is a one-time requirement.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to comply with SB 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998, which amended Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866 to specify that preventive health training is a one-time requirement.

Section 84265(c)(3)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify the acceptable training facilities for the required health and safety training.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to comply with Senate Bill 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998, which amended Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866 by adding accredited colleges or universities to the acceptable training facilities.

Section 84265(c)(4) et seq.

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending these sections to specify the acceptable verification of the health and safety training. This amendment includes the adoption of new Sections 84265(c)(4)(C) and (D).

Factual Basis:

This amendment is consistent with the documentation requirements in Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866.

Sections 84265(e) and (e)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting these regulations to specify the education and experience qualifications required for a child care worker in a minor parent program.

Factual Basis:

The Department considered national standards in determining the appropriate education and experience qualifications for a child care worker and has determined that the standard adopted in these proposed regulations are the best compromise among the national standards.

The Child Welfare League of America Standard of Excellence for Services for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Pregnant Adolescents, and Young Parents (page 106), specifies that “direct service staff” have a bachelor’s degree in social work, psychology, counseling, or a related social service field and that “paraprofessional support staff” have a high school diploma or GED and be certified in the area in which they are working.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, provided a grant to the New Jersey Department of Human Services (pages 14 - 16), Division of Youth and Family Services, to develop national model licensing regulations for three specialized areas, one of which was residential services for pregnant and



parenting adolescents. Those model licensing regulations require a child care worker in a minor mother (parent) program to meet one of the following education and experience requirements:

- A bachelor's or associate of arts degree in social work, psychology, or a related field,
- A bachelor's or associate of arts degree in an unrelated field plus six months of experience with children in a group setting,
- A high school graduation or passing score on the General Educational Development test and one year of experience working with children in a group setting, or
- Qualifying life experience. If an individual qualified in this way, the regulation required that the first six months of work at the minor parent facility be supervised, i.e., work in tandem with an experienced individual.

Current California regulations specifying the standards for the care of a child under the age of six who is not accompanied by a minor parent require that a child care worker meet one of the following education and experience requirements:

- Completion of twelve postsecondary semester units in early childhood education or child development, including three units each in infant care and in abused and drug-exposed children, at an accredited or approved college or university and six months of work experience in a license group home, licensed infant care center, or comparable group child care program,
- A current and valid Child Development Associate credential with the appropriate age level endorsement and six months of on-the-job training and/or work experience in a licensed child care center or comparable group child care program, or
- A current and valid Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.

The Workgroup representative from a public interest law firm specializing in children's issues suggested that children with their parents in a group home should not receive less qualified care givers than children placed by their parent in a day care center. The above California regulations impose education and experience requirements that are equivalent to those in day care centers. Another representative from the public interest law firm suggested that the specific courses required could vary from those in current regulations (those for group homes that accept children under the age of six years without their mothers) to include a variety of courses appropriate to minor parent programs. Among the courses specified as appropriate were child development, early childhood education, and courses to help the minor parents understand their children's developmental needs so that they can better care for their babies.

The provider associations suggested that appropriate courses could include those appropriate to the care and supervision of the minor parents in their role as minor parents and also appropriate to the care and supervision of troubled adolescents who are also minor parents.

Section 84265(f) [Renumbered from Section 84265(e)]

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to provide to child care workers, employed before the effective date of these proposed regulations, time to meet the minor parent education requirement. The Department is also renumbering this regulation to fit the new numbering system.

Factual Basis:

This amended requirement is the same provision that was provided to child care workers in a group home that serves children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents.

Section 84265(g) [Renumbered from Section 84265(f)]

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation (1) to require child care workers in a minor parent program to have a current and valid certificate of completion of pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by a legislatively approved organization and (2) to add accredited colleges and universities as qualified training organizations. The Department is also renumbering this regulation to fit the new numbering system.

Factual Basis:

The Child Welfare League of America and the regulations in both California and New Jersey require child care staff to have pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. The amendment of this section meets the legislative mandate to refer to national standards in developing these proposed regulations. SB 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998, amended Health and Safety Code Section 1596.866 by adding accredited colleges and universities as qualified training organizations for pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation, effective September 21, 1998.

Sections 84265(h) through (l) [Renumbered from Sections 84265(g) through (k)]

Specific Purpose:

Section 84265(h)(1) is amended to specify that the group home social worker may incorporate the minor parent and child into one case file. Also, these sections are renumbered to fit the new numbering system.

Factual Basis:

This regulation is amended because it is appropriate to allow the group home social worker to consider the minor parent and child as one case.

Section 84265.1(f) et seq.

Specific Purpose:

The Department is repealing these sections because the duties specified overlap those of the group home administrator.

Factual Basis:

The repeal of these sections is necessary to avoid duplication and for clarity and consistency. The group home facility administrator is responsible for the requirements specified at the repealed regulations.

Section 84265.1(f) [Renumbered from Section 84265.1(g)]

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify that a child care worker may be an administrator and facility manager, if the individual meets all the applicable education and experience requirements for the position being performed. The Department is also renumbering this proposed regulation to fit the new numbering system.

Factual Basis:

This standard of allowing one person to fill the requirements of other positions is a standard in the regulations that govern group homes that serve children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their parents. The Department and the members of the Workgroup that assisted in developing the standards in this proposed regulation package have determined that this standard is appropriate.

Section 84268.1(a)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to clarify that it applies only to those group homes that serve children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents.

Factual Basis:

Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2 applies to group homes that accept children under the age of six years. This amendment is necessary to specify in this regulation that Section 84268.1 applies only to a particular subset of those children.

Sections 84268.3(a) and (a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending Section 84268.3(a) and adopting Section 84268.3(a)(1) to clarify that the requirements of this section apply only to the children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parent.

Factual Basis:

Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2 applies to group homes that accept children under the age of six years. The amendment to Section 84268.3(a) and adoption of Section 84268.3(a)(1) is necessary to clarify Section 84268.3 does not apply to the minor parent programs, and that the requirements concerning the modification of the needs and services plan for minor parent programs remains in Section 84068.3.

Section 84272(b)

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

The Department is amending this regulation to clarify that time spent by a child with the minor parent, when the minor parent is the primary caregiver of that child, is not considered “visiting” for purposes of the young child’s needs and services plan.

Section 84272(b)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to add child care workers to personnel that are responsible for supervising visiting by family members.

Factual Basis:

In a group home that has a minor parent program there is no requirement for a “houseparent,” but there is a requirement for a “child care worker.” This amendment is necessary to add this type of personnel to the individuals who may supervise visiting.

Section 84272.1(a)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify that the regulation applies only to children under the age of six years.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity and consistency. For older children, including the minor parents, other types of discipline may be appropriate, such as awarding and removing points for desirable behavior. Some group homes use this point system as a positive discipline means.

Section 84272.1(e)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to assure that group home staff and the minor parents apply the same type of discipline techniques and do not violate the young child's personal rights.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to assure that children under the age of six years receive the same protections from their minor parents as from staff.

Section 84274(c)

Specific Purpose/Factual Basis:

This section is being amended editorially to make minor corrections for clarity.

Section 84274(c)(3)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to apply the same vehicle safety standard on group home staff and the minor parents in care. In addition, this section requires the licensee or designee to supervise the minor parent in meeting this requirement.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary to assure that children under the age of six years receive the same protections from their minor parents as from staff. In addition, California Vehicle Code Section 27360(a) requires parents to use a child passenger restraint system when

the child is in a motor vehicle. This oversight by group home staff is an integral part of the parenting training of the minor parent.

Section 84275(a)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to correct a cross-reference.

Factual Basis:

The Department's regulation requiring a physical examination for a placed child is at Section 31-206.36 of the Child Welfare Services Manual of Policies and Procedures.

Section 84275(c)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to allow a minor parent to administer medications to that parent's child or self while being monitored by staff.

Factual Basis:

This section is necessary for clarity and consistency. Administering medications is an integral part of parenting training.

Section 84276(a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to limit its application to children under the age of six years.

Factual Basis:

The current group home regulations for food service are adequate for the minor parents in care. These are the same regulations that would apply to group homes that take the same age group without their accompanying young children.

Section 84276(b)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to require "child care workers" to wash their hands before each meal.

Factual Basis:

The sanitation standards in this regulation apply to group homes that serve children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their parents. The Department has determined that the same sanitation standards are appropriate in a group home that serves minor parents and their children.

Section 84276(d)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify that the requirement applies only to feeding children under the age of six years.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary to clarify that the requirement to use appropriate seating equipment applies only to young children.

Section 84276(d)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to limit its requirement to children under the age of six years and to include child care workers or minor parents among the individuals who are responsible for holding the young children who are unable to sit unassisted.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. Responsible staff may include houseparent or child care workers. Holding the young child is an integral part of the parenting training of the minor parents.

Section 84276(d)(2)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to include minor parents among the individuals responsible for using high chairs and feeding tables in a safe manner.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. Using high chairs and feeding tables in a safe manner is an integral part of the parenting training of the minor parents.

Section 84276(d)(2)(B)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to include child care workers among the individuals responsible for securing a young child in a high chair or feeding table and to allow a minor parent to secure his or her child.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. In a minor parent program, there will be child care workers not “houseparent.” Using high chairs and feeding tables in a safe manner is an integral part of the parenting training of the minor parents.

Section 84276(d)(3)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to include child care workers and minor parents among the individuals responsible for assuring an infant's safety in a high chair.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. In a minor parent program, there will be child care workers not “houseparent.” Using high chairs and feeding tables in a safe manner is an integral part of the parenting training of the minor parents.

Sections 84276(f) and (f)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending these regulations to include child care workers and the minor parent among the persons responsible for holding the infant while bottle-feeding and to allow the minor parent to feed his or her infant.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. In a minor parent program, there will be child care workers not “houseparent.” Holding the infant while bottle-feeding is an integral part of parenting and the minor parent must be allowed to do this.

Section 84277(a)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify the age group for whom the staff members are responsible.

Factual Basis:



This amendment is necessary for clarity. Group homes provide the means for minor parents to keep themselves clean and dry. However, staff members are responsible for assuring this for the children of the minor parents.

Section 84277(a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify that staff are responsible for supervising a minor parent who provides primary care of his or her child.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for clarity. While the young child has accompanied the minor parent into the group home, the staff are responsible for assuring adequate parenting training for the minor parent.

Section 84278(a)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to limit the “houseparent” responsibility to children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents.

Factual Basis:

“Houseparent” are required only in a group home that serves children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents.

Section 84278(g)

Specific Purpose:

This regulation is added to prohibit the minor parent and his/her child from sleeping in the same bed.

Factual Basis:

This regulation is added to prohibit the practice of allowing the minor parent and infant to sleep in the same bed for reasons of safety. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association launched a national safety campaign on May 2002 aimed at reducing deaths associated with placing babies in adult beds. According to their findings, placing infants in adult beds place the infant at risk of death because of hidden hazards including overlaying of the baby by another in the bed.

Sections 84278.1(c)(2) and (3)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending these regulations to specify that group home staff, not simply “houseparent” or maintenance staff, shall maintain sanitation standards.

Factual Basis:

“Houseparent” are required only in a group home that serves children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents. Other staff may be used in a minor parent program. This amendment requires the licensee to assign some staff to sanitation duties.

Section 84278.1(g)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify that staff members are responsible for supervising a minor parent who provides primary care of his or her child.

Factual Basis:

The staff members are responsible for assuring that sanitation standards are maintained whether staff or minor parents care for the young children.

Section 84279(a)(3)(G)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify the age level that must be provided individual attention, to include child care workers among the staff responsible for this individual attention, and to allow that individual attention to be provided by the minor parent.

Factual Basis:

The Workgroup, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11467.1, developed this standard for individual attention for children under the age of six years. “Houseparent” are required only in a group home that serves children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents. “Child care staff” rather than houseparent are usually used in a minor parent program. An integral part of parenting training is the provision of individual attention by a minor parent to his or her child.

Section 84279(a)(3)(H)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to specify the age level of children that staff must hold and to include child care workers and minor parents among the individuals responsible.

Factual Basis:

The Workgroup, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11467.1, developed this standard for children under the age of six years. “Houseparent” are required only in a group home that serves children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents. “Child care staff” are usually used in a minor parent program. An integral part of parenting training is the provision of individual attention by a minor parent to his or her child.

Section 84287(d)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is amending this regulation to limit the requirement to those group homes that have “houseparent.”

Factual Basis:

Only “houseparent” are resident staff. Other staffs do not have a need for a room in which to rest and to store person belongings, because other staffs are not expected to stay longer than their shift.

Section 84287.2(a)(2)

Specific Purpose:

The Department is adopting this regulation to specify that children under the age of six years must be separated from older children, only if those older children are not the minor parents.

Factual Basis:

The Workgroup, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11467.1, developed the standard of separating younger from older children only for those homes that serve children under the age of six years who are not accompanied by their minor parents. An integral part of parenting training is playing with one’s children.

b) Identification of Documents Upon Which Department Is Relying

Assembly Bill (AB) 2773, Chapter 1056, Statutes of 1998

Senate Bill (SB) 1524, Chapter 666, Statutes of 1998

Standards for Residential Care of Children Under Six Placed in Group Homes and Temporary Shelter Care

Child Welfare League of America, Standards of Excellence for Services for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Pregnant Adolescents, and Young Parents

Regulatory Module for Residential Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents, October 1989. Funded in part by a grant to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, from the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission press release regarding the dangers of placing babies in adult beds.

c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. There are no state-mandated local costs in these regulations which require state reimbursement under Section 17500 et seq. of the Government Code.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

CDSS has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected persons than the proposed action.

e) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

CDSS has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.