



Child Care Licensing sends our warmest greetings in hopes this message finds that 2026 is rolling out to be a fabulous year!

As licensed child care facilities already know and may already be implementing, several code changes to AMC 16.55 went into effect July 15, 2025. (See the Assembly Ordinance posted on this page). To continue along the same path, Child Care Licensing is currently revisiting additional proposed changes to AMC 16.55 in response to a survey conducted in 2024 as well as from information gleaned routinely through community feedback and working relationships with this office. To all who contact this office with thoughts, questions, and input, thank you!

The desired outcome of proposed code changes remains the same as in 2025, to support existing licensed facilities in remaining open and to provide easier access for new facilities to open. Below is a summary of new proposed code changes.

- ❖ **From the AMC: Definitions – Remove Associate Administrator and Caregiver Aide as they are either already addressed in SOA code or are no longer applicable.** Referenced in 7 AAC 57 as Administrator Designee and Adolescent Caregiver.
  
- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.100(A) – Remove specific language for an administrator to operate a child care home only where the administrator resides or in an unoccupied residential location.** This requirement is already included in AMC 16.55.240 in the necessity to meet other agency requirements in having someone reside in a licensed child care home.
  
- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.140(A)(1),(2); 16.55.140(B)(2)(c–f), (g) referencing d or f; 16.55.140(B)(3) – Remove several of the stringent and outdated requirements regarding adolescent staff, better aligning with State of Alaska child care requirements and making the employment of adolescent caregivers easier. State regulation: 7 AAC 57.320**
  
- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.150 – Eliminate extra staff training requirements for child care homes to obtain 75% of the annual training in person and the requirements as stated for First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation as the FA/CPR requirements are outdated and now obsolete. 7 AAC**

57.350 requires all caregivers to be FA/CPR certified.

**State regulation: 7 AAC 57.350**

- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.210(A)(1-4)** – Remove requirement for annual physicals for children attending a child care center. This will ease the burden on both facilities and families to track dates and ensure children’s physicals are current as well as align with SOA requirements.

**State regulation: 7 AAC 57.550**

- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.220** – Remove municipal nutrition requirements in a facility as it is either exceeds or is duplicative of 7 AAC 57.560. Facilities are already required to meet Food Program requirements regardless of whether a facility participates in the Food Program.

**State regulation: 7 AAC 57.560**

- ❖ **From AMC 16.55.300** – Remove municipal code regarding centers serving “sick children.” This is outdated and not utilized under state regulations. This section of AMC 16.55 was created in ~1992 and added to AMC 16.55 when it was created in 2004 and has never been implemented, even after enduring challenges faced through COVID.

To review AMC 16.55: [Code of Ordinances | Anchorage, AK | Municode Library](#). Updates to code changes approved on July 15, 2025 are now available to view.

These are the proposed changes being presented by CCL. Amending codes is a process and everyone interested in participating in the process is encouraged to be involved. Now is the time to become familiar with the potentially impacted code sections and express your thoughts to the Assembly if you choose to do so.

As always, thank you greatly for all you do for the community!