

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

IC 4-22-2.1-5(a) provides that an agency that intends to adopt a rule under IC 4-22-2 that will impose requirements or costs on small businesses must prepare a statement that describes the annual economic impact of the rule on small businesses after the rule is fully implemented as described in IC 4-22-2.1-5(b).

LSA Document #10-794 amends 405 IAC 5-23-2 to revise the age of recipients subject to limitations on the initial examinations from under 19 to under 21 years of age. Amends 405 IAC 5-23-4 to revise the age of recipients subject to the covered eyeglasses limitation from under 19 to under 21 years of age and amends that limitation from one pair every two years to one pair every five years.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses**1. An estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector that will be subject to the proposed rule.**

IC 5-28-2-6 defines a small business as a business entity that satisfies the following requirements:

- (1) On at least fifty percent (50%) of the working days of the business entity occurring during the preceding calendar year, the business entity employed not more than one hundred fifty (150) employees.
- (2) The majority of the employees of the business entity work in Indiana.

During SFY 2010, 383 providers billed for eyeglasses. The OMPP anticipates that the majority of these providers meet the criteria of IC 4-22-2.1-4 as a small business.

2. An estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small business will incur to comply with the proposed rule.

For purposes of the small business impact analysis requirements addressed in IC 4-22-2.1, the FSSA/OMPP consulted with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). Following such consultations and concurrence by IEDC, for purposes of these statutory requirements, the FSSA/OMPP applies generally accepted accounting definitions to the terms "costs" and "revenues". These concepts have definitions that are generally accepted in the accounting profession. A well-known professional accounting publication¹ defines "costs" as "sacrifice, measured by the price paid, to acquire, produce, or maintain goods or services;" and "revenues" as "gross income generated by selling goods (sales) or by performing services (professional fees, commission income)". The proposed rule will result in a reduction in revenues for providers; however, based on these generally accepted accounting definitions, the reduction in revenues under the proposed rule does not equate to the imposition of additional costs on small businesses. The proposed rule will not impose any additional annual reporting, record keeping, or other administrative costs on small businesses in order to comply with the proposed rule.

3. An estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance will have on small businesses subject to the rule.

There is no economic impact that compliance will have on a small business subject to this rule, since no small businesses will incur any additional cost to comply with this rule. Please refer to the information regarding costs and revenues outlined in item #2 above.

4. A statement justifying any requirement or cost that is imposed by the rule and not expressly required by law. The statement must reference any data, studies, or analyses relied upon by the agency in determining imposition of the requirement or cost is necessary.

This rule imposes no requirement or cost on small businesses.

5. Any regulatory flexibility analysis that considers any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the same purpose.

Other factors considered:

A. Establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

The rule has no impact on reporting requirements for small businesses.

B. Establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

The rule has no impact on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

C. Consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

The rule has no impact on compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

D. Establishment of performance standards for small businesses instead of design or operational standards imposed on other regulated entities by the rule.

The rule has no impact on performance or operational standards for small businesses.

E. Exemption of small businesses from part or all of the requirements or costs imposed by the rule.

The rule imposes no additional requirements or cost on small businesses.

[†] Siegel, Joel G., Ph.D. and Jae K. Shim, Ph.D. Barron's Accounting Handbook. 4th ed. New York: Barron's Educational Services, 2006.

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