

.16 HOURS OF CARE

The provider may not permit a child to remain in care for more than 14 hours in any 24-hour period on a regular basis without prior approval from the Office.

INTENT: The intent of this regulation is to permit you to care for but not assume primary responsibilities for the child on a regular basis. It is also to prevent "provider burn-out."

INSPECTION REPORT ITEM: "Child in care for no more than 14 hours per day"

COMPLIANCE CRITERIA: Child attendance records (see [Section .41F](#) of this Manual) show that no child has spent more than 14 hours in care on more than an occasional basis without prior Regional Office approval (see [Notes](#) below).

ASSESSMENT METHOD: Review of your attendance records.

Notes:

Upon written request from you, and on a case-by-case basis, the Regional Manager/designee may approve regular care of a child for more than 14 hours per 24-hour period. You must submit a separate request for each child affected. In deciding whether to approve the request, the Regional Manager/designee will, at a minimum, take the following factors into account:

- The reason for your request;
- The circumstances under which the additional hours of care will be provided; and
- Your compliance history.