

**DCF 252.03 Included and excluded care arrangements.** This chapter applies to all day camps but it does not apply to family child care centers regulated under ch. DCF 250, group child care centers regulated under ch. DCF 251, or any of the following:

**Note:** Section 48.65, Stats., exempts parents, guardians and certain other relatives; public and parochial (private) schools; persons employed to come to the home of the child's parent to provide care for less than 24 hours per day; and counties, cities, villages, towns, school districts, and libraries that provide programs for children primarily intended for social or recreational purposes from the requirement for a license. As specified under s. 49.155 (4), Stats., or s. DCF 201.04 (1), programs, other than those operated by public schools, are required to be licensed by the department or certified by a county agency in order to be eligible to receive a child care subsidy.

*Camps occasionally offering an overnight activity for children enrolled in the camp that occurs on the premises of a licensed day camp may do so if parents are informed that the camp is not licensed during that time period. If the camp wishes to operate during this time as a licensed facility, an exception must be requested. Camps should also check with their insurance company to ensure coverage during this time.*

*Residential camps are licensed under ATCP 78. A program must be licensed as a residential camp if the children stay overnight for 4 or more consecutive nights.*

(1) Group lessons to develop a talent or skill, such as dance or music lessons, social group meetings and activities, and group athletic activities.

(1m) Care and supervision of children in a program, including religious education classes, which operates no more than 4 hours a week.

(2) Care and supervision while the parents are on the premises and are engaged in shopping, recreation or other non-work activities.

*Non-working parents on the premises means a care situation in which a parent of every child in care is on the premises at all times. Day camps serving industry, colleges, universities, or employer-based day camps where parents may be employed or attending classes on the same premises must be licensed.*

(3) Seasonal programs of 10 days or less duration in any 3-month period, including day camps, vacation bible school and holiday child care programs.

(4) Care and supervision in emergency situations.

*"Emergency situation" means a scenario where there is an unforeseen circumstance that poses a significant risk or threat to the safety or wellbeing of individuals involved that requires immediate attention. Examples can include but are not limited to severe weather, national emergency, natural disasters, and security threats.*

(5) Care and supervision while the parent is employed on the premises if the parent's child receives care and supervision for no more than 3 hours a day.

(6) Care and supervision at the site while the parent who is a recipient of temporary assistance to needy families or Wisconsin Works is involved in orientation, enrollment or initial assessment prior to the development of an employability plan.