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§10:126-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Alternate provider" means a person who shares child care responsibilities with a registered provider at the provider's residence and meets all applicable requirements, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:126-5 and 6.

"Approved caregiver" means a person at least 18 years of age who has met all applicable requirements for a substitute provider or an alternate provider, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:126-5 and 6.

"Certificate of Registration" means a document issued by a sponsoring organization to a family child care provider, acknowledging that the provider is in compliance with all applicable provisions of this chapter.

"Chapter" means the rules contained in the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:126, which reflect provisions that constitute minimum baseline requirements below which no family child care sponsoring organization or registered family child care provider that is subject to the authority of N.J.S.A. 30:5B-16 et seq. is legally permitted to operate.

"Child" means any person under 13 years of age.

"Denial of a Certificate of Registration" means a refusal by the sponsoring organization to issue an initial Certificate of Registration.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

"Division" means the Division of Youth and Family Services, New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

"Evaluate" or "evaluation" means the review of a family child care provider by a sponsoring organization upon receipt of an application for a Certificate of

Registration to determine the applicant's compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

"Family child care home" means the private residence of the family child care provider in which child care services are provided to no fewer than three and no more than five children at any one time for no fewer than 15 hours per week, except that the Department shall not exclude a family child care home with fewer than three children from voluntary registration.

"Family child care provider applicant" or "provider applicant" or "applicant" means a person at least 18 years of age who has applied for a Certificate of Registration.

"Family child care provider" or "registered family child care provider" or "provider" means a person who has received an initial, renewal or temporary Certificate of Registration issued by a sponsoring organization.

"Family child care sponsoring organization" or "sponsoring organization" means an agency or organization that contracts with the Department of Human Services to assist in the voluntary registration of family child care providers and that complies with all applicable requirements of the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration.

"Health care provider" means a physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or other health care professional who is licensed or otherwise authorized by the state in which he or she practices to perform the applicable health care services specified in this manual.

"Household member" means an individual at least 14 years of age who resides in the home of a registered family child care provider or applicant for registration.

"Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration" or "Manual of Requirements" means the requirements contained in this chapter (N.J.A.C. 10:126).

"Monitor" or "monitoring inspection" means to inspect a registered family child care provider to review the provider's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Manual of Requirements.

"Night Time Care" means child care provided in the evening and/or overnight between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

"Office of Licensing" or "Office" means the Office of Licensing in the Department of Children and Families.

"Parent" means a natural, foster or adoptive parent, guardian, or any person with responsibility for, or custody of, a child.

"Provider assistant" means a person at least 14 years of age who has been designated by the provider and approved by the sponsoring organization to assist the provider in caring for children in the home.

"Refusal to renew a Certificate of Registration" or "nonrenewal" means the nonissuance of a Certificate of Registration by the sponsoring organization after the expiration of the existing Certificate of Registration.

"Registration fee" means payment to a sponsoring organization by a provider or applicant upon issuance of a temporary or regular Certificate of Registration.

"Renewal of a Certificate of Registration" means the issuance of a Certificate of Registration by the sponsoring organization after the expiration of the existing Certificate of Registration.

"Revocation of a Certificate of Registration" means a permanent removal of a provider's current Certificate of Registration for failure to comply with the applicable requirements of the Manual of Requirements.

"Shall" denotes a provision of this chapter that a sponsoring organization or a family child care provider must meet to qualify for approval or a Certificate of