**Section 50.560 Phase-in of Wage Supplement Scale**

a) The wage supplement scale, as illustrated in Section 50.570, can not be implemented in full within the FY 2001 appropriation amount. The Department will roll out the scale as outlined below. The applicant must specify what level and option he or she is applying for at the time of application. For FY 2001, child care personnel that meet or exceed the eligibility criteria defined in Section 50.530(a) may apply for a wage supplement for no less than the following parts of the scale:

1) Level 2, option A;

2) Level 2, option B;

3) Level 2, option C;

4) Level 4, option A (IDHS/INCCRRA approved certificates only);

5) Level 6, option A;

6) Level 9, option A;

7) Level 10, option A.

b) For FY 2002, child care personnel that meet or exceed the eligibility criteria in Section 50.530(a) and (b) may apply for a wage supplement for the parts of the scale identified in subsection (a) of this Section and no less than the following additional part of the scale:

1) Level 1;

2) Level 2, option D;

3) Level 3, option C;

4) Level 5, option C;

5) Level 6, option B;

6) Level 6, option E;

7) Level 7, option C;

8) Level 8, option B;

9) Level 8, option C;

10) Level 8, option D;

11) Level 9, option B;

12) Level 10, option B.

c) For FY 2003, child care personnel that meet or exceed the eligibility criteria in Section 50.530(a) and (b) may apply for a wage supplement for the parts of the scale identified in subsections 50.560 (a) and (b) of this Section and no less than the following additional parts of the scale:

1) Level 3, option A;

2) Level 3, option B;

3) Level 4, option B;

4) Level 4, option C;

5) Level 5, option A;

6) Level 5, option B;

7) Level 5, option D;

8) Level 6, option C;

9) Level 6, option D;

10) Level 7, option A;

11) Level 7, option B;

12) Level 8, option A.

d) After the initial application and wage supplement payment, child care personnel who remain at the same Great START level with the same employer will be eligible to receive a supplement on a continuing basis at 6-month intervals. In order to increase the amount of the wage supplement, a child care worker must move to another Great START level through increased educational attainment.

e) After the initial application and receipt of the wage supplement, child care personnel who leave the employ of a child care facility to work for a different child care facility must work for the new employer for one continuous year before or she may reapply for subsequent wage supplement payments.

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