WAC 110-425-0087 Contractor slots for children who exceed the SMI eligibility. The department:

(1) Will:

(a) Maintain statewide limits of slots for children that exceed SMI eligibility. Limits are set at:

(i) Ten percent of the total statewide enrollment for children that meet criteria in RCW 43.216.505; or

(ii) Twenty-five percent for ECEAP sites operated by sovereign tribal nations; and

(b) Determine the number of slots annually for children who exceed the SMI eligibility based on:

(i) The contractors' size, enrollment history, and to provide flexibility to fill classes in rural areas; and

(ii) Eligibility as outlined in:

(A) RCW 43.216.505;

(B) RCW 43.216.512; and

(C) RCW 43.216.513;

(c) Document the number of annual slots available for children who exceed the SMI eligibility in the early learning management system for ECEAP contractors; and

(d) Consider the following when reviewing requests for additional slots for children that meet eligibility enrollment criteria using the department's prioritization system outlined in WAC 110-425-0085:

(i) ECEAP enrollments have not reached the statewide limits of children eligible for enrollment; or

(ii) The requesting ECEAP contractors':

(A) Need to fill slots to fully enroll a class to verify access to services for eligible children;

(B) Community need for additional flexibility to serve additional children; and

(iii) The presence of unserved eligible children; and

(2) May adjust the number of annual slots when slots are reallocated between ECEAP contractors.

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