

1 **10A NCAC 09 .2102 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 505-506 as follows:**

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3 **10A NCAC 09 .2102 USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

4 (a) Corporal punishment may be used in religious-sponsored child care facilities in accordance with G.S. 110-91(10),
5 if:

- 6 (1) the religious-sponsored child care facility files a notice with the Division stating that corporal
7 punishment is part of the religious training of its program; and
8 (2) the religious-sponsored child care facility states in its written policy of discipline that corporal
9 punishment is part of the religious training of its program.

10 (b) The discipline policy shall state when corporal punishment is used, what type of punishment is used, and who will
11 be administering the punishment. The discipline policy shall state that parents will be informed before and by the end
12 of the day after their child has received corporal punishment and who will be administering the punishment. The
13 facility shall comply with their written discipline policy. If administered by facility staff, corporal punishment shall
14 be limited to one swat by the hand on the buttocks of a child over the child's normal mode of dress that does not result
15 in any mark that lasts more than two hours or bruising. A witness shall be present when corporal punishment is
16 administered and shall be administered by the administrator or other designated staff member. A facility shall not
17 administer corporal punishment more than once a day per child. The facility's administrator shall complete an incident
18 report whenever corporal punishment is administered at the facility.

19 (c) The discipline policy shall be shared with all parents that have children enrolled at the facility and the facility shall
20 provide parents a copy of the policy for their records.

21 (d) If the facility's discipline policy changes, the new policy shall be shared with parents 14 days prior to the change
22 becoming effective. A copy of the revised discipline policy shall be submitted to the Division within 30 days of the
23 effective date of the revised policy.

24 (e) A discipline policy that meets the requirements of this Rule shall not preclude the investigation of a complaint
25 alleging inappropriate discipline of a child or child maltreatment as specified in G.S 110-105.3.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 110-91(10); 110-106;*

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