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Section 11.2.i. of [West Virginia's Legislative Rule, Child Care Centers, 64CSR 21](#), requires prepared foods that are not immediately served or refrigerated in family day care facilities to be held at 140 degrees Fahrenheit (140°F).

Since the Child Care Center rule was last revised in 1997, the hot holding temperature for potentially hazardous foods has been lowered to 135 degrees Fahrenheit (135°F) with the adoption, by reference, of the [2005 FDA Model Food Code](#) in [West Virginia Legislative Rule, Food Establishments, 64CSR17](#).

Therefore, until a revision of our Child Care Centers Rule, family day care facilities are required to hold prepared foods at a minimum of 135 degrees Fahrenheit (135°F) if not immediately served or refrigerated. Facilities should not be debited if the hot holding temperature is below 140 degrees Fahrenheit (140°F).

References [West Virginia's Legislative Rule, Child Care Centers, 64CSR 21](#)
[2005 FDA Model Food Code](#)
[West Virginia Legislative Rule, Food Establishments, 64CSR17](#)

History None

Attachments None