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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr.
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RE: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Rulemaking

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Child Placing Clarifications" that was promulgated and published on page 1703 of the December 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, December 10, 2020.

The proposed rule clarifies requirements related to insurance coverage, location of first aid supplies, criminal background check timeframes, mandated reporter training, training topics for youth in the transitional placing program, and the location of first aid supplies in transitional placing programs. The proposed rule also adds timeframes for providing influenza information to foster/adoptive parents, adds an alternative safe sleep course, extends timeframes for obtaining statements of health, and adds a requirement for youth in the extended foster care program to be able to remain in their foster/adoptive placement.

DCFS held a public hearing on January 26, 2021, and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time, the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the March 2021 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective April 1, 2021.

Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary

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