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Bobby Jindal, Governor **Suzy Sonnier**, Secretary

July 7, 2014

The Honorable Scott Simon, Chairman House Committee on Health and Welfare P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Simon:

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DCFS held a public hearing on June 24, 2014 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 August 2014 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective September 1, 2014.

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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The Honorable Charles E. Kleckley Speaker of the House Louisiana House of Representatives P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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The Honorable John Alario
President of the Senate
Louisiana State Senate
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Dear Senator Alario:

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The Honorable David Heitmeier, Chairman Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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