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The Honorable Patrick McMath Chairman, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare Via Email: <u>apa.s-h&w@legis.la.gov</u>

The Honorable Dustin Miller Chairman, House Committee on Health and Welfare Via Email: <u>apa.h-hw@legis.la.gov</u>

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 Welfare Home Certification – Child Placing Agencies" that was promulgated and published on page 1017 of the July 2024 Louisiana Register. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, July 10, 2024.

The proposed rule will adopt LAC 67:V, Subpart 8, Chapter 73, Child Placing Agencies, Section 7316.

DCFS held a public hearing on August 27, 2024, 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 October 2024 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective November 1, 2024.

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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cc: The Honorable Cameron Henry, President, Louisiana Senate Office of the State Register

