

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Children and Family Services**

**Licensing Section**

**Child Welfare Home Certification - Child Placing Agencies  
(LAC 67:V.7316)**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:962 to adopt LAC 67:V, Subpart 8, Chapter 73, Child Placing Agencies, Section 7316. This declaration is necessary to extend the original Emergency Rule since it is effective for a maximum of 180 days and will expire before the Final Rule takes effect. This Emergency Rule extension is effective on July 30, 2024, and shall remain in effect for a period of 180 days or until adoption of a Final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The department considers emergency action necessary as pursuant to federal register 88 FR 66700, Title IV-E agencies may claim federal reimbursement for an eligible child who is placed in a relative or kinship licensed or approved foster family home when the agency uses different licensing standards for relative or kinship foster family homes.

**Title 67**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Part V. Child Welfare**

**Subpart 8. Residential Licensing**

**Chapter 73. Child Placing Agencies**

**§7316. DCFS Certified Relative/Kinship Foster Homes**

A. Pursuant to federal register 88 FR 66700, Sections 7315.A.1-10, 7315.A.12-14, 7315.B.-C., 7315.E.1.k, 7315.E.4-5, 7315.F.12, 7315.G.1-4, 7315.G.10-15, 7315.N, 7315.P.-R. shall not apply to relative/kinship family homes as defined by child welfare policy and certified by DCFS for foster placement. These

homes shall only be required to follow the certification standards detailed in child welfare policy.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:477 and R.S. 46:1401 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services, Licensing Section, LR 50:

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