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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Bill J. Crouch
Cabinet Secretary

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 23, 2020
TO: Mac Warner
Secretary of State
FROM: Bill J. Crouch, Cabinet Secretary *BAC*
Department of Health and Human Resources
RE: Child Placing Agencies Licensure
W. Va. C.S.R. § 78-2

The Bureau for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Resources requests that W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2 be temporarily suspended in part effective immediately pursuant to W. Va. Code §15-5-6(c)(7) and the State of Emergency declared by Governor Justice on March 16, 2020.

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2 establishes and sets forth the requirements for child placing agencies. Strict compliance with the following will hinder and delay necessary action in coping with the emergency declared by the Governor:

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.8.2.a. and §78-2.8.2.b. – requiring extensive orientation training for all new employees.

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.9.1.f. and W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.9.7.b.7. – to the extent that the subdivision and paragraph require in-person visitation.

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.20.1.b. and §78-2.2.20.1.d. to the extent that the subdivision and paragraph require training to occur in-person or in a group setting.

If granted, the Bureau for Children and Families further requests that the rule be suspended as described above until such time as the State of Emergency is lifted.