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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Bill J. Crouch
Cabinet Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2020

TO: Mac Warner
Secretary of State

FROM: Bill J. Crouch, Cabinet Secretary *BJC*
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.V a. 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 provisions will hinder and delay necessary action in coping with the emergency declared by the Governor in so far as these provisions require a fingerprint-based criminal background check:

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.4.2.b.3.

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.7.4

W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2.13.6.

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