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Topic: Foster Care

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	II-B.1.Certification standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents II-B.1.1. Department Responsibilities for Certification and Supervision of Relative Caregivers, Foster Parents, and Pre-Adoptive Parents		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	II-B.1 OAR 413-200-0301 through 0396 II-B.1.1 OAR 413-200-0270 through 0296	Release No:	
Effective Date:	June 1, 2007	Expiration:	N/A
References:	418.005		
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_2/ii-b1.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_2/ii-b11.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation: OAR 413-200-0335 is being amended so that the storage and transportation of firearms in the presence of foster children is no longer regulated in this rule. OAR 413-200-0306 and OAR 413-200-0272 are being amended to remove the definition of 'firearm' which is no longer needed when the amendments to OAR 413-200-0335. A certified family could independently choose not to permit guns

on the property which is lawfully owned or possessed by the certified family, but the Department cannot, as a condition of receiving a foster care certificate of approval, require the certified family to permit or prohibit access to firearms or ammunition.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: All child welfare staff are being notified through this Policy Transmittal. The removal of the requirements regarding regulation of storage and transportation of firearms is effective immediately.

Training/Communication Plan: An Informational Memo is being sent concurrently with the Policy Transmittal providing procedures for assessment of the safety of the home environment.

Local/Branch Action Required: All staff should review and become familiar with the new rule sets.

Central Office Action Required: Central Office staff will provide ongoing consultation to branch offices on the implementation of this rule change.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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