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**Number:** CW-PT-11-005

**Issue Date:** 10/14/2011

**Topic:** Other

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

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

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):              |

Policy/Rule Title:	II-B.1, Standards for Certification of Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers and approval of potential Adoptive Resources. II-B.1.1, Responsibilities for Certification and Supervision of Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and approval of potential Adoptive Resources.		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 413-200-0301 thru 413-200-0396 OAR 413-200-0270 thru 413-200-0296	Release No:	
Effective Date:	October 14, 2011		

**Discussion/Interpretation:**

The Department has filed proposed changes to the certification standards and Department responsibilities for certification and supervision of foster parents, relative caregivers, and potential adoptive resources. These rules are open for public comment. The public hearing will be held this fall, and final rules, with any additional changes subsequent to the public comment period will be incorporated into the proposed rules prior to the end of December when these rules will become effective.

**Implementation/Transition Instructions:**

During the public comment period, staff are asked to review the proposed rules. The Central Office Foster Care Program will be revising related Department forms, updating Chapter 7 of the Procedure Manual, and working with ORKids business staff to make relevant database changes necessary to implement these rule revisions.

**Training/Communication Plan:**

Foster care program staff are available for consultation on the proposed rule revisions. Once the rules are effective, relevant changes will be made to the certifier training offered through the Child Welfare Partnership, and foster care coordinators will continue to be available for consultation.

**Local/Branch Action Required:**

Review proposed rule revisions and provide comments to the foster care program staff.

**Central Office Action Required:**

Receive and review feedback.

**Field/Stakeholder review:**     Yes     No

**If yes, reviewed by:**

Rule Advisory Committee, Policy Council, and Certification quarterlies.

**Filing Instructions:**

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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