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Jena Griswold, Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary of State
1700 Broadway
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RE: SOS Correction Tracking Number 2021-00189
Social Services Rules (Volume 7; Child Welfare, Child Care Facilities)
500, 1008, 2500 Department of Human Services
Rules 7.500.311.B.1.c and 7.500.311.B.1.d, 12 CCR 2509-6

Dear Ms. Griswold,

I reviewed the correction to the accompanying rule revisions and determined the matter being corrected is a non-substantive error that occurred after final adoption, during preparation of the rule for publication, and that the correction is necessary to insure the published rule and the corresponding opinion conform to the adopted rules, pursuant to section 24-4-103(11)(d)(II) C.R. S. (2020).

The correction addresses an editing error in the rule, adopted on July 10, 2020, submitted under tracking Number 2020-00375. In preparing the adopted rule for publication, subsections 7.500.311.B.1.c and 7.500.311.B.1.d were inadvertently deleted in their entirety. This correction includes the missing subsections. The correction is non-substantive because it replaces omitted language without changing the substance of the rule and is consistent with the rule as presented to and passed by the State Board of Human Services.

Sincerely,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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7.500.311 Training and Foster Home Assessment

In addition to twenty-seven hours of pre-certification training, which includes twelve hours of core training, each foster parent shall be certified in First Aid or the equivalent, and CPR for the ages of the children and/or youth in placement.

- A. Prior to certification, the county department shall complete the single SAFE assessment of foster and adoptive homes as outlined in Section 7.500.2.
- B. Training, Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Five Year Child Abuse and Neglect Records Check Requirements
 - a. Each applicant shall complete twelve hours of core training. Core training shall include, at a minimum, the following ten primary topic areas:
 - 1) General overview of foster care;
 - 2) Administrative and legal issues;
 - 3) Why children and youth get placed in out-of-home care;
 - 4) Parenting and family dynamics;
 - 5) Key concepts of child/youth growth and development;
 - 6) Importance of the team approach;
 - 7) Individual differences, such as ethnicity and culture;
 - 8) Discipline;
 - 9) Effects of fostering on the foster family; and,
 - 10) Working with the biological family.
 - b. In addition to twenty-seven hours of pre-certification training, which includes twelve hours of core training, each foster parent shall be certified in First Aid or the equivalent, and CPR for the ages of the children and/or youth in placement.
 - 1. If the governor or local government declares a disaster or emergency, and because of the declared disaster or emergency, the foster parent(s) cannot take the First Aid class in a classroom with the first aid trainer, the First Aid training may be completed online. The foster parent(s) must then complete the classroom training with the first aid trainer as soon as possible, but no later than 45 calendar days after the declared conclusion of the disaster or emergency.
 - 2. If the governor or local government declares a disaster or emergency, and because of the declared disaster or emergency, the foster parent(s) cannot take the CPR class in a classroom with the CPR trainer, and the foster parent(s) has successfully completed a CPR class within the last five (5) years, the foster parent(s) may take the CPR class online. The foster parent(s) must then complete the classroom training with a CPR instructor as soon as possible, but no later than 45 calendar days after the declared conclusion of the disaster or emergency.
 - c. Complete a background check required in Section 7.500.2, B, 1. **[PUBLISHERS NOTE NOT FOR PUBLICATION: This section erroneously left out of last adoption, insertion of c. and d. (below) are only changes necessary.]**
 - d. The county department of human or social services shall train foster parents how to determine whether to approve the child's or youth's participation in an extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, or social activity is consistent with the reasonable and prudent parent standard, based upon criteria in section 7.701.200 (12 CCR 2509-8). **[PUBLISHERS NOTE NOT FOR PUBLICATION: This section erroneously left out of last adoption, insertion of d. and c. (above) are only changes necessary.]**

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