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What month is being requested f	or this rule to first go before the State Boa	ard? November 2022
What date is being requested for	this rule to be effective?	January 30, 2023
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## STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

#### Summary of the basis and purpose for new rule or rule change.

Explain why the rule or rule change is necessary and what the program hopes to accomplish through this rule. **1500 Char max** 

These rules will implement HB 22-1245, which was signed into law on 4/12/2022 and requires the State Board of Human Services to promulgate rules for implementation. HB 21-1094 established the Foster Youth in Transition Program (the program), a youth-driven and developmentally appropriate approach to extended foster care. This program further established a pathway for eligible youth to re-enter foster care between the ages of 18 and 21. HB 22-1245 made technical revisions to the program and requires minor changes to the Colorado Code of Regulations for implementation.

An emergency rule-making (which waives the initial Administrative Procedure Act noticing requirements) is necessary:

to comply with state/federal law and/or

to preserve public health, safety and welfare

Justification for emergency:

n/a

## State Board Authority for Rule:

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Code	Description
26-1-107, C.R.S. (2022)	State Board to promulgate rules
26-1-109, C.R.S. (2022)	State department rules to coordinate with federal programs
26-1-111, C.R.S. (2022)	State department to promulgate rules for public assistance and welfare activities.

**Program Authority for Rule**: Give federal and/or state citations and a summary of the language authorizing the rule-making <u>function</u> AND <u>authority</u>.

Code	Description
19-7-315, C.R.S. (2022)	The state department shall promulgate rules for implementation, including but not limited to rules concerning eligibility determinations, administrative appeals of eligibility determinations, enrollment into the transition program, emancipation transition plans and roadmaps to success, and expedited procedures for securing temporary shelter for youth who are currently homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Does this rule repeat language found in statute?

	Yes	Х	No
Х	Yes		No

If yes, please explain.	The rule closely paraphrases, with minor edits, eligibility language from
	statute. Further revision of the language would have materially changed
	program eligibility.

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## **REGULATORY ANALYSIS**

## 1. List of groups impacted by this rule.

Which groups of persons will benefit, bear the burdens or be adversely impacted by this rule?

Current and former foster youth will experience the greatest benefit from these rules. Groups that will experience additional work requirements as a result of these rules include county departments. The Office of the Child's Representative and judicial partners are both impacted by HB 22-1245, but they are not directly impacted by these rules.

#### 2. Describe the qualitative and quantitative impact.

How will this rule-making impact those groups listed above? How many people will be impacted? What are the short-term and long-term consequences of this rule?

These rules will simplify the determination of jurisdiction for youth who are entering into the Foster Youth in Transition Program from an open child welfare case when they are placed outside of the county their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside at the time they transition into the program. The change made to statute that expands eligibility may create a small workload increase for county departments of human services, however the Division of Child Welfare does not believe of youth who have become eligible under the expanded guidelines will be significant. This is because most youth who have an open dependency and neglect case on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday would already be eligible for the program. The youth who became eligible as a result of the changed made by HB 22-1245 will benefit from the additional time they will have to transition to adulthood.

#### 3. Fiscal Impact

For each of the categories listed below explain the distribution of dollars; please identify the costs, revenues, matches or any changes in the distribution of funds even if such change has a total zero effect for any entity that falls within the category. If this rule-making requires one of the categories listed below to devote resources without receiving additional funding, please explain why the rule-making is required and what consultation has occurred with those who will need to devote resources. **Answer should NEVER be just "no impact" answer should include "no impact because….."** 

<u>State Fiscal Impact</u> (Identify all state agencies with a fiscal impact, including any Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) change request costs required to implement this rule change)

These rules will not create any fiscal impact for the state or state systems. The small expansion of eligibility created by the legislation will be small (CDHS estimates approximately 15 youth statewide may be eligible in the next year) and will not exceed the allocation made by the General Assembly in HB 21-1094 when it established the program.

## County Fiscal Impact

These rules do not create any fiscal impact for counties. The small expansion of eligibility created by the legislation will be small (CDHS estimates approximately 15 youth statewide may be eligible in the next year) and will not exceed the allocation made by the General Assembly in HB 21-1094 when it established the program.

## Federal Fiscal Impact

There is no anticipated federal fiscal impact because it is a state funded program and youth who were IV-E eligible will simply maintain that eligibility.

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<u>Other Fiscal Impact (such as providers, local governments, etc.)</u>

There is no anticipated impact for other agencies.

#### 4. Data Description

List and explain any data, such as studies, federal announcements, or questionnaires, which were relied upon when developing this rule?

The rules align closely with language included in HB 22-1245 and directly implement those changes.

#### 5. Alternatives to this Rule-making

Describe any alternatives that were seriously considered. Are there any less costly or less intrusive ways to accomplish the purpose(s) of this rule? Explain why the program chose this rule-making rather than taking no action or using another alternative. Answer should NEVER be just "no alternative" answer should include "no alternative because..."

Rule making is required to implement the changes created by HB 22-1245 and is the only available option.

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## OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RULE

Compare and/or contrast the content of the current regulation and the proposed change.

Rule section Number	Issue	Old Language	New Language or Response	Reason / Example / Best Practice	Public Comment No / Detail
7.203.41		<ul> <li>Eligibility</li> <li>Eligible youth include youth who:</li> <li>A. Are at least eighteen but less than twenty-one years of age or such greater age of foster care eligibility as required by federal law;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eligibility</li> <li>AN EEligible youth IS AN INDIVIDUALyouth who:</li> <li>A. AreIS at least eighteen but less than twenty-one years of age or such greater age of foster care eligibility as required by federal law;</li> </ul>	This corrects the grammar and aligns with the language in statute.	
7.203.42 (B)	implement HB 22- 1245.	<ul> <li>B. Have had prior foster care or kinship care involvement in one of the following ways:</li> <li>1. The youth was in foster care, as defined in 19-1-103 (51.3), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday; or</li> <li>2. The youth was in non-certified kinship care, as defined in 19-1-103 (78.7), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday and was adjudicated dependent and neglected pursuant to Article 3 of Title 19, C.R.S; and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CASE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 19, C.R.S. OR HASHave had prior foster care or kinship care involvement in AT LEAST one of the following ways:</li> <li>1. The youth was in foster care, as defined in 19-1-103 (51.3), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday; or</li> <li>2. The youth was in non-certified kinship care, as defined in 19-1-103-(78.7), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday and was adjudicated dependent and neglected pursuant to Article 3 of Title 19, C.R.S; andOR</li> <li>3. THE YOUTH TURNED EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE YOUTH WAS A NAMED CHILD OR YOUTH IN A DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASE OPEN THROUGH ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 19, C.R.S.</li> </ul>	Aligns rule with statute.	HB 22-1245 Implementati on Task Group
7.203.43 (A)(4)	New language required to implement HB 22-1245.		4. WHEN A YOUTH IS ENTERING THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM DIRECTLY FROM ANOTHER PROGRAM AREA 4, 5, OR 6 CASE, THE YOUTH SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE COUNTY WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING THE YOUTH, OR TRANSITION TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE YOUTH SELF-ATTESTS TO RESIDING IN AT THE TIME THE YOUTH ENTERS THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM.	Aligns rule with statute.	HB 22-1245 Implementati on Task Group
7.203.43 (A)(5)	Renumbering	<ol> <li>When the youth's residence has changed after jurisdiction has been established, county departments shall work cooperatively to:</li> </ol>	45. When the youth's residence has changed after jurisdiction has been established, county departments shall work cooperatively to:	Technical fix correcting the numbering.	HB 22-1245 Implementati on Task Group
7.203.43 (A)(5)	New language required to implement	c. Taking into consideration, the	c. Tak <del>ing</del> E into consideration <del>,</del> THE YOUTH'S	Aligns rule with statute.	HB 22-1245 Implementati

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	HB 22-1245.	following, in no particular order or prioritization:	<ul> <li>PREFERENCE. IF THE YOUTH DOES NOT HAVE A PREFERENCE, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIDER the following, in no particular order or prioritization:</li> <li>i. Which county is currently working with the youth;</li> <li>ii. The county in which the youth self-attests to reside;</li> <li>iii. Indications the youth intends to stay in the self- attested county;</li> <li>iv. Access to services, supports, and/or relationships the youth needs in order to successfully transition to adulthood; and</li> <li>v. The youth's preference.</li> </ul>		on Task Group
7.203.43 (A)(2)(b)	Technical clean up	b. Prior to opening a new case or creating a new client id, the caseworker or supervisor shall complete a search in the comprehensive child welfare information system for any existing open cases or clients and ensure that only one program area 4 or 5 case is open that includes the youth as participating as a child; and	b. Prior to opening a new case or creating a new client idID, the caseworker or supervisor shall complete a search in the comprehensive child welfare information system for any existing open cases or clients and ensure that only one program area 4 or 5 case is open that includes the youth as participating as a child; and	Fixes an incorrect lack of capitalization	
7.203.43 (B)(2)	New language required to implement HB 22-1245.	<ol> <li>Assistance with securing safe, affordable, and stable housing if a county department has legal authority for physical placement through a voluntary services agreement pursuant to 19-7-306, C.R.S.</li> <li>The participating youth's housing is fully or partially funded through foster care maintenance payments, in addition to any other housing assistance the youth is eligible to receive. Any expectations for the youth to contribute to the youth's own expenses must be based upon the youth's ability to pay. With the participating youth's consent, the participating youth's housing may be in any placement approved by the</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>2. Assistance with securing safe, affordable, and stable housing IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS. If a county department has legal authority for physical placement through a voluntary services agreement pursuant to 19-7-306, C.R.S.</li> <li>a. The participating youth's housing isLIVING EXPENSES ARE fully or partially funded through foster care maintenance payments, in addition to any other housing assistance the youth is eligible to receive. Any expectations for the youth to contribute to the youth's own expenses must be based upon the youth's ability to pay.</li> <li>With the participating youth's consent, the participating youth's housing may be in any placement approved by the county department or the court for which the participating youth is</li> </ul>	Aligns rule with statute	HB 22-1245 Implementati on Task Group

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	<ul> <li>county department or the court for which the participating youth is otherwise eligible, and that is the least restrictive option to meet the participating youth's needs; or</li> <li>c. If the participating youth needs placement in a qualified residential treatment program, then such placement must follow all relevant procedures pursuant to section 19-1-115, C.R.S., concerning the placement of a child or youth in a qualified residential treatment program.</li> <li>d. If a county department does not have legal authority for physical placement, such as when a youth is nearing emancipation and entering into their next housing arrangement, the participating youth may:</li> <li>i. Reside anywhere that the participating youth is otherwise eligible to reside or a licensed host family home, as defined in section 26-5.7-102 (3.5), C.R.S.; and</li> <li>ii. Access any financial support for housing that the participating youth is otherwise eligible to receive.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>INDÈPENDENT LIVING PL/ the least restrictive option to youth's needs; or</li> <li>c. If the participating youth nee qualified residential treatment placement must follow all re pursuant to section 19-1-119 the placement of a child or y residential treatment program</li> <li>d. If a county department does for physical placement, such nearing emancipation and e housing arrangement, the participation</li> <li>i. Reside anywhere that the participation</li> </ul>	ED IN SECTION 26-5.7- PERVISED ACEMENT, and that is preet the participating eds placement in a nt program, then such levant procedures 5, C.R.S., concerning youth in a qualified m. not have legal authority that when a youth is ntering into their next articipating youth may: articipating youth is pr a licensed host family 26-5.7-102 (3.5), t for housing that the		
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## STAKEHOLDER COMMENT SUMMARY

#### Development

The following individuals and/or entities were included in the development of these proposed rules (such as other Program Areas, Legislative Liaison, and Sub-PAC):

The rules were developed through a Child Welfare SubPAC approved task group and included representation from urban and rural counties across the state, runaway and homeless youth providers, the Office of the Child's Representative, foster care providers, child placement agencies, and a youth advocacy group.

#### This Rule-Making Package

The following individuals and/or entities were contacted and informed that this rule-making was proposed for consideration by the State Board of Human Services:

County departments of human/social services, Office of the Childs Representative, Colorado Network to End Youth Homelessness, Rural Collaborative for Homeless Youth, Project Foster Power.

#### **Other State Agencies**

Are other State Agencies (such as HCPF or CDPHE) impacted by these rules? If so, have they been contacted and provided input on the proposed rules?

Yes Х No

If yes, who was contacted and what was their input?

## Sub-PAC

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Have these rules been reviewed by the appropriate Sub-PAC Committee?

No Yes

Name of Sub-PAC	Child Welfare			
Date presented	9/8/2022			
What issues were raised?	No			
Vote Count	For	Against	Abstain	
	unanimous			
If not presented, explain why.				

## PAC

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Have these rules been approved by PAC?

Yes

	No

Date presented	10/6/2022		
What issues were raised?	No		
Vote Count	For	Against	Abstain
	Passed on the		
	consent agenda		
not presented, explain why.			

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## Other Comments

Comments were received from stakeholders on the proposed rules:

X Yes	
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No

If "yes" to any of the above questions, summarize and/or attach the feedback received, including requests made by the State Board of Human Services, <u>by specifying the section and including the Department/Office/Division response</u>. Provide proof of agreement or ongoing issues with a letter or public testimony by the stakeholder.

These rules were developed in a collaborative and open process through a series of Child Welfare SubPAC approved task group meetings that included representatives from all but one of the CHSDA regions, the Office of the Child's Representative, a youth advocacy group called Project Foster Power, and providers. The missing CHSDA region was the San Luis Valley. The group agreed that this set of rules would be limited to changes required to implement HB 22-1245 and continues to meet and are discussing other elements of this program.

# (12 CCR 2509-3)

#### <Title2> 7.203.41 Eligibility

AN EEligible youth IS AN INDIVIDUALinclude youth who:

- A. ArelS at least eighteen but less than twenty-one years of age or such greater age of foster care eligibility as required by federal law;
- B. HAS A CURRENT DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 19, C.R.S. OR HASHave had prior foster care or kinship care involvement in AT LEAST one of the following ways:
  - 1. The youth was in foster care, as defined in 19-1-103 (51.3), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday; or
  - The youth was in non-certified kinship care, as defined in 19-1-103 (78.7), C.R.S., on or after the youth's sixteenth birthday and was adjudicated dependent and neglected pursuant to Article 3 of Title 19, C.R.S; andOR
  - 3. THE YOUTH TURNED EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE YOUTH WAS A NAMED CHILD OR YOUTH IN A DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASE OPEN THROUGH ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 19, C.R.S.
- C. Are engaged in, or intends to engage in, at least one of the following, unless an exception applies or are waived by federal law:
  - 1. Completing secondary education or an educational program leading to an equivalent credential;
  - 2. Attending an institution that provides post secondary or vocational education;
  - 3. Working part- or full-time for at least eighty hours per month; or
  - 4. Participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment.
  - 5. The requirement described in 7.203.41(C) does not apply to a youth who is incapable of engaging in any of the activities as a result of a medical condition that is supported by regularly updated documentation in the 90 day supervisory review; and
- D. Seeks to enter into a voluntary services agreement, or the youth has entered into and is substantially fulfilling the youth's obligations pursuant to a voluntary services agreement with the appropriate county department.

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#### 7.203.43 Foster Youth in Transition Program services and procedures

- A. Procedures
  - 1. When a youth enters the Foster Youth in Transition Program the program area is program area 6.

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- 2. The participating youth shall have a new case opened in the child welfare information system as follows:
  - a. The new case shall be opened effective either:
    - i. The day the youth and county execute the voluntary services agreement if a youth is reentering; or
    - ii. The day the court terminates any existing custody order, in either a dependency and neglect case or a juvenile delinquency case, if the youth is transitioning from an open program area 4 or 5 child welfare case; and
  - b. Prior to opening a new case or creating a new client idID, the caseworker or supervisor shall complete a search in the comprehensive child welfare information system for any existing open cases or clients and ensure that only one program area 4 or 5 case is open that includes the youth as participating as a child; and
  - c. For youth entering the program directly from an open case under program area 4, 5, or 6, there shall be no resulting interruption in case management services, housing, Medicaid coverage, or in foster care maintenance payments.
- 3. The county department shall ensure the family services plan contains an updated roadmap to success as described in 7.305.2 (12 CCR 2509-04). The family services plan in Foster Youth in Transition Program cases does not require treatment plan or visitation sections for the youth's parents or caregivers. Updates to the family services plan shall be entered into the comprehensive child welfare information system within sixty (60) days of the youth entering into a voluntary services agreement. The youth shall be provided a copy of the family services plan.
- 4. WHEN A YOUTH IS ENTERING THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM DIRECTLY FROM ANOTHER PROGRAM AREA 4, 5, OR 6 CASE, THE YOUTH SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE COUNTY WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING THE YOUTH, OR TRANSITION TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE YOUTH SELF-ATTESTS TO RESIDING IN AT THE TIME THE YOUTH ENTERS THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM.
- 45. When the youth's residence has changed after jurisdiction has been established, county departments shall work cooperatively to:
  - a. Ensure services are provided by the appropriate county;
  - b. Petitions are filed in the court of the appropriate county;
  - c. Tak<del>ingE</del> into consideration, THE YOUTH'S PREFERENCE. IF THE YOUTH DOES NOT HAVE A PREFERENCE, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIDER the following, in no particular order or prioritization:
    - i. Which county is currently working with the youth;
    - ii. The county in which the youth self-attests to reside;
    - iii. Indications the youth intends to stay in the self- attested county;

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iv. Access to services, supports, and/or relationships the youth needs in order to successfully transition to adulthood; and

v. The youth's preference.

B. Services

Each county department shall offer, at a minimum, the following services and supports to participating youth in the transition program. All services shall be provided by the county in a manner that is consistent with the youth's developmental needs, culture, and supports the youths successful transition to adulthood.

- 1. Assistance with enrolling in the appropriate category of Medicaid for which the participating youth is eligible;
- 2. Assistance with securing safe, affordable, and stable housing IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS-: If a county department has legal authority for physical placement through a voluntary services agreement pursuant to 19-7-306, C.R.S.
  - a. The participating youth's housing isLIVING EXPENSES ARE fully or partially funded through foster care maintenance payments, in addition to any other housing assistance the youth is eligible to receive. Any expectations for the youth to contribute to the youth's own expenses must be based upon the youth's ability to pay.
  - With the participating youth's consent, the participating youth's housing may be in any placement approved by the county department or the court for which the participating youth is otherwise eligible, INCLUDING A LICENSED HOST FAMILY HOME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-5.7-102 (3.5), C.R.S. OR A SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PLACEMENT, and that is the least restrictive option to meet the participating youth's needs; or
  - c. If the participating youth needs placement in a qualified residential treatment program, then such placement must follow all relevant procedures pursuant to section 19-1-115, C.R.S., concerning the placement of a child or youth in a qualified residential treatment program.
  - d. If a county department does not have legal authority for physical placement, such as when a youth is nearing emancipation and entering into their next housing arrangement, the participating youth may:
    - Reside anywhere that the participating youth is otherwise eligible to reside or a licensed host family home, as defined in section 26-5.7-102 (3.5), C.R.S.; and

i. Access any financial support for housing that the participating youth is otherwise eligible to receive.

- 3. Case management services, including the development of a case plan with a roadmap to success for the participating youth, as well as assistance in the following areas, as appropriate, and with the agreement of the participating youth:
  - a. Provision of appropriate community resources and public benefits to assist the participating youth in the transition to adulthood as documented by the roadmap to success;

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- b. Obtaining employment or other financial support and enhancing financial literacy;
- c. Obtaining a driver's license or other government-issued identification card;
- 4. Upon request, and if services are available, support the youth with complying with any juvenile or criminal justice system requirements which may include referrals to assist with expunging the participating youth's court records, as appropriate, pursuant to section 19-1-306, C.R.S.;
- 5. Pursuing educational goals and applying for financial aid, if necessary;
- 6. Upon request, and if services are available, referral to services for obtaining the necessary state court findings and applying for special immigrant juvenile status pursuant to federal law, as applicable, or applying for other immigration relief for which the participating youth may be qualified;
- 7. Obtaining copies of health and education records;
- 8. Maintaining and building relationships with individuals who are important to the participating youth, including searching for individuals with whom the participating youth has lost contact. These services may be offered using family search and engagement as described in 7.304.52 (12 CCR 2509-04); and
- 9. Accessing information about maternal and paternal relatives, including any siblings.
- C. Court procedures when youth transition from a Program Area 4 or 5 case into the Foster Youth in Transition Program
  - 1. For a youth approaching their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who is currently in foster care, or who is in non-certified kinship care and there is an open dependency and neglect case, the county shall partner with the youth to support the youth in making informed decisions about what the youth needs to emancipate successfully and whether to enter the Foster Youth in Transition Program. The county shall partner with the youth in preparing for the transition hearing described below:
    - a. The county shall request that a transition hearing be held within 35 days of the youth's 18th birthday pursuant to 19-3-705, C.R.S.
    - b. At least seven (7) days prior to the transition hearing the county shall submit a report to the court that includes:
      - i. A description of the county's reasonable efforts toward achieving the youth's permanency goals and a successful transition to adulthood;
      - An affirmation that the county has provided the youth with all of the records and documents the youth needs to successfully transition to adulthood, including the documents required by 7.305.5, written information concerning the youth's family history, and contact information for siblings if available and appropriate;
      - iii. an affirmation that the county has informed the youth, in a developmentally appropriate manner, of the benefits and options available to the youth by the Foster Youth in Transition Program

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as described in 7.203.4 (12 CCR 2509-3) and the voluntary nature of the program;

- iv. A statement of whether the youth has made a preliminary decision whether to emancipate or to enter into the Foster Youth in Transition Program and either or both of the following:
  - A. If it is anticipated that the youth will choose to emancipate, the report must include a copy of the youth's emancipation transition plan as described in 7.305.2(F);
  - B. If it is anticipated that the youth will choose to enter the Foster Youth in Transition Program, the county shall file a petition pursuant to 19-7-307 at the same time as the report described in this section.
- 2D. Permanency planning requirements are described in 7.304.54 (12 CCR 2509-4) ARE REQUIRED IN ALL FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION CASES.

[Note: Changes to rule text are identified as follows: deletions are shown as "strikethrough", additions are in "All Caps", and changes made between initial review and final adoption are in [brackets] or highlighted yellow]