

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON EXEMPTIONS TO FOSTER CARE & CHILD PLACEMENT
AGENCY LICENSING IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL
SERVICES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to change regulations on exemptions for licensing for foster care and child care placement agency licensing.

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 7 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with exemptions for foster care and child placement agency licensing, including the following:

- (1) 7 AAC 50.010 is proposed to be changed as follows: To exempt, from foster care licensing requirements, persons who provide temporary care to children on a voluntary basis without financial compensation.
- (2) 7 AAC 56.020 is proposed to be changed as follows: To exempt entities that arrange for the temporary care to children on a voluntary basis without financial compensation.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Tracy Spartz Campbell at P.O. Box 110630; Juneau, AK 99811-0630. Additionally, the Department of Health & Social Services will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-3397 and by electronic mail at tracy.spartz-campbell@alaska.gov. The comments must be received not later than 5 p.m. on May 11, 2016.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Tracy Spartz Campbell by email at tracy.spartz-campbell@alaska.gov or at 130 Seward Street, Juneau, AK 99801. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Health & Social Services will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and agency website at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Tracy Spartz Campbell at tracy.spartz-campbell@alaska.gov or at (907) 465-4894 not later than April 27, 2016, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/default.aspx> and by contacting at tracy.spartz-campbell@alaska.gov or at (907) 465-4894.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Health & Social Services will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

Statutory authority: AS 44.29.020; AS 47.32.010; AS 47.32.020; AS 47.32.030.

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 44.29.020; AS 47.32.010; AS 47.32.020; AS 47.32.030.

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: 03/24/2016
/s/Jon Sherwood, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Health & Social Services