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The intent of this correspondence is to notify you that the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) are granting an extension on the specific requirement established in 922 KAR 1:290, Section 2(2), that requires a PCC or PCP staff member (as defined in KRS 199.642(1)) to have completed background checks through the Kentucky National Background Check Program no later than July 1, 2023. DCBS is aware that access to this program has not yet been granted to all providers due to delays from the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting onboarding of other populations to this system, including prospective foster and adoptive parents and DCBS front-line staff. DCBS believes that an extension of three (3) months to meet this requirement should be sufficient.

The Office of the Inspector General is aware of the circumstances, and your agency will not be cited for this deficiency for three (3) months beyond the regulatory deadline. DCBS and the OIG requests that providers begin entering their staff members as soon as access to the background check program is provided.

If you have additional questions, please contact Holly Davis at hollyc.davis@ky.gov or Sherry Postlewaite@ky.gov.

