



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES**

**Matthew G. Bevin**  
Governor

275 East Main Street, 3W-A  
Frankfort, KY 40621  
502-564-3703 Office  
502-564-6907 Fax  
www.chfs.ky.gov/dCBS

**Adam M. Meier**  
Secretary

**Eric T. Clark**  
Commissioner

**Contract Correspondence Transmittal (CCT)**

<b>CCT Number: 19-03</b>	<b>Date of Issue: 3/14/19</b>
<b>Issuance: Division of Protection and Permanency, Mary Carpenter, Assistant Director</b>	
<b>Key Words/Phrases: Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards</b>	
<b>Attachments/Forms: US Department of Health &amp; Human Services Foster Home Model Standards</b>	

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide PCP providers of upcoming changes concerning foster home standards. The National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards have been developed by the Children's Bureau in response to the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Please review the attached National Model of Standards. Kentucky is providing justifications to waive or amend the following National Standards to better meet the needs of Kentucky families:

- Immunizations—Kentucky will continue to allow for religious exemptions.
- Fire extinguisher---Kentucky will waive this standard.
- Carbon monoxide detector---Kentucky will waive this standard unless the home is equipped with gas heating elements.
- Swimming pools---This standard will be waived but Kentucky will support increased swimming pool safety awareness.
- Emergency preparedness---The posting of emergency preparedness plans in a visible location will be waived.
- Foster parent assurances(smoking)---This standard will be waived unless a physician provides written documentation that a child is to be in a smoke-free environment.

Changes to 922 KAR 1:310 that incorporate the National Model Foster Home Standards will go into effect April 1, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal please contact Mary Carpenter, Assistant Director ([Mary.Carpenter@ky.gov](mailto:Mary.Carpenter@ky.gov)) or Holly Davis, PCC/PCP Liaison ([Holly.Davis@ky.gov](mailto:Holly.Davis@ky.gov)).