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The intent of this transmittal is to provide information on updates made to the Kentucky Administrative Regulations that will affect all Private Child Placing Agencies. These changes have occurred due to the National Model Foster Home Licensing Standards and Kentucky HB446 which was signed in March 2019.

Ordinary regulation 922 KAR 1:310 took effect on September 9, 2019.

- Prior to foster home certification, all household members must disclose any mental health and substance abuse issues.
 - If there are any indications of past or current mental health or substance abuse issues, the PCP will require further documentation from a health professional regarding the applicant's ability to provide the necessary care to a foster child.
- PCP's will document during initial home study or reevaluation, compliance with safety requirements relating to swimming pools or bodies of water.
- PCP's will document that foster homes have functional kitchens and bathrooms to include toilet, sink, and bathtub or shower at initial certification and reevaluation.
- During the initial home study, foster parents will provide three personal references to include one relative and two non-relatives.
- Foster parents will refrain from smoking in the direct presence of a foster child if the child's physician recommends in writing a smoke-free environment.



- Certification of a foster home will last for three years. Every third year in the month of the initial certification, the PCP will conduct a reevaluation of the foster home.
 - Annual training requirements and annual background checks are still required for all foster and adoptive homes.
 - PCP's should have a mechanism in place to document compliance with the regulation.
- PCP's will have emergency preparedness plans on file for each foster home in order to ensure continuity of services to children in custody of the Cabinet.
- Foster homes will be equipped with a smoke alarm on each level of the home.

Ordinary regulation 922 KAR 1:495 became effective on September 9, 2019.

- In addition to initial training requirements the following web-based trainings must be completed online by each foster parent prior to their approval:
 - Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma
 - First Aid and Universal Precautions (First Aid certification may substitute for web-based training)
 - Medication Administration
 - Medical Passports and
 - Reasonable and Prudent Parenting.

OIG will begin monitoring all regulation changes during their re-licensure surveys beginning April 1, 2020.

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