

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Family and Children's Services**

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:
Miss. Code, Section 11-46-8; Miss. Code, Section 43-15-13;
Miss. Code, Section 43-21-151; Miss. Code, Section 43-23;
Miss. Code, Section 63-1-25

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule :
Amending DHS policy

Date Rule Proposed: February 15, 2006

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: 1) Added a Mission Statement to the Independent Living Program policy; 2) Changed eligibility requirements and expanded targeted ages 14 up to the 21st birthday; 3) Included services to Choctaw; 4) Increased monetary amounts of stipends; 5) Added some new stipend, eligibility requirements and monetary amounts; 6) Deleted some duties of the Youth; 7) Added the duties of the Area Social Work Supervisor; 8) Added Driver's License and Motor Vehicle requirements; 9) Added Transitional Living; 10) Added Aftercare services; and 11) Added ETV approval process, definition of "cost of living" and "institution of higher education", under ETV.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date:
Time:
Place:

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2006

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing
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