

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

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

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:  
42 U.S.C.675§475(5)(A)

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule : Amending the DFCS policy manual

Date Rule Proposed: August 24, 2006

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: 1) Terminology of least restrictive (most family like) added to close proximity; 2) The order of placement consideration options added; 3) MDHS defines geographical proximity as within a fifty (50) mile radius of the child's original home; and 4) Instructions to the staff of the selection process in the Mississippi Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS).

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: {Insert Date}  
Time: {Insert Time}  
Place: {Insert 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: September 29, 2006

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing  
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