

Georgia Department of Human Services
Office of General Counsel

DHS Rule Changes

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Road Map

- Review of Rule Change Procedures
- Review of Proposed Rule Changes
- Public Comment Period
- Final Approval of Rule Amendments – Child-Placing Agencies
- Request to Board



Rule Change Procedure

1. Board Considers Motion to Publish Proposed Rule
2. 30-Day Public Comment Period
3. Public Hearing
4. Motion for Final Adoption of Proposed Rule
5. Send Final Rule to Secretary of State



Child-Placing Agency Rules

Current Rules:

- 290-9-2-.01 - .15

Proposed Changes:

- The rule changes are needed to eliminate or revise rules in an effort to streamline regulations, update terms and provisions, reorganize rule provisions for clarity, and make certain regulatory requirements less burdensome for providers where safe to do so.



Child-Placing Agency Rules

Current Rules:

- 290-9-2-.01 - .15

Proposed Changes:

- Removed provision that persons or entities have to consult with DHS before establishing a CPA.
- Added the definition of **reasonable and prudent parenting**.
- Clarified that no foster child may co-sleep or bedshare with an adult and no foster child over 24 months may sleep in the room with an adult.
- CPAs no longer required to be non-profit corporation.
- Rule prohibiting licensee from making a false or misleading statement updated to include a director, employee, foster parent, prospective adoptive parent and contractors of licensee from making such statements.
- Updated additional terms and provisions.



Child-Placing Agency Rules

Public Comment Period

- Rules Published for Public Comment
November 30 – December 30
- Public Hearing Held
December 15

1 comment received related to statements required in home study reports concerning firearm safety.



Request to Board

Motion for Final Adoption

Rules and Regulations for Child-Placing Agencies
Rules 290-9-2-.01 -.15



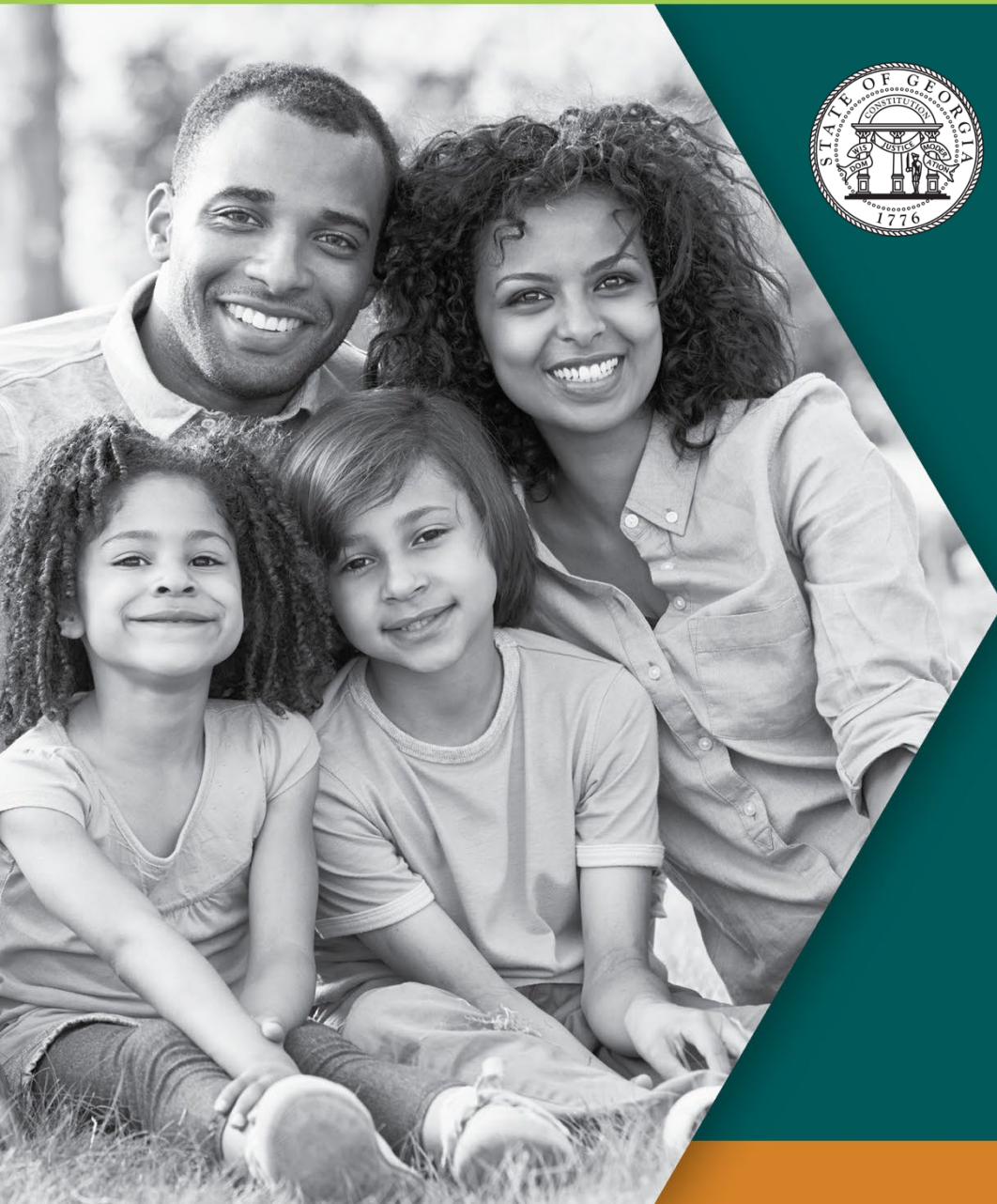
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Road Map

- Review of Rule Change Procedures
- Initial Approval – License Revocation or Suspensions
- Request to Board



Rule Change Procedure

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License Revocation or Suspensions

Rule changes add new provisions relating to the process for obtaining a limited driving permit

Current Rule:

- 290-7-1-.12 License Revocation or Suspensions

Proposed Change:

- Complies with amendments to O.C.G.A. §40-5-64 effective January 1, 2024
- Provides a process for child support obligors to apply for a limited driver permit when locating employment is an extreme hardship due to license suspension
- Updates provisions relating to final agency decisions

- Public Comment: March 1 – March 30, 2024
- Public Hearing: March 22, 2024



Request to Board

Motion to Publish Notice of Rulemaking

Rule 290-7-1-.12
License Revocation or Suspensions



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