

Family Foster Home



Regulations updated to Agency number: 30-47

Regulations updated to meet federal requirements:

- Family First Prevention Services Act
- CMS Final Rule
- Prudent Parenting

Regulations were drafted in consultation with community partners, Child Placement Agencies, KFAN, Children's Alliance, DOC, DCF, KDADS, KDHE

A State comparative analysis for Family Foster Home requirements was completed from other states for Family Foster Home Regulations, those states included but were not limited to: Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, and Oklahoma.

The regulations were drafted to meet federal requirements for FFPSA, CMS Final Rule, Prudent Parenting Standard. Once drafted, regulations were sent to the above mentioned stakeholders for review and input. This exchange occurred on three occasions. From 2018-2019 an in-person review of the draft regulations was completed with the stakeholder group.

Interest in these regulations have been expressed by Child Placement Agencies, Children's Alliance, Kansas Foster Adoptive Family Network, and foster parents.

Direct support of these regulations has been displayed(?) by foster parents and Child Placement Agencies.

FFH regulations are being updated to align with FFPSA, CMS Final Rule and Prudent Parenting Standards.

Summary of Changes: Family Foster Home Regulations

Current Regulation Title 28-4	Proposed Regulation Title	Change
800 Definitions	30-47-800 Definitions	Updated to reflect proposed regulations and meet FFPSA, CMS requirements
801 License required	801 License required	Removed a paragraph
802 License requirements	802 License Requirements	Added functional literacy as required by FFPSA
803 Licensing procedures	803 Licensing procedures	none
804 Terms of license	804 Terms of license	Added relative waiver
805 Background checks	805 Background checks	No major change
806 Training	806 Training	Added CPR requirement to meet FFPSA
807 Reporting Requirements	807 Reporting Requirements	No major change
808 Recordkeeping requirements	808 Recordkeeping requirements	No major change
809 Basic placement information	809 Basic placement information	No major change
810 Case plan	810 Case plan	No major change
811 Caregiver qualifications; supervision	811 Caregiver qualifications; supervision	Reduced regulations to allow foster parent to utilize prudent parenting
812 Respite care	812 reserved	Revoked incorporated into prudent parenting
813 Child growth and development	813 Reasonable and prudent parent standard	Meets the prudent parenting requirement
814 Family Life	814 reserved	Regulations were incorporated under 813 reasonable and prudent parenting
815 Behavior Management practices; prohibited punishment; physical restraint; notification requirements	815 Behavior Management practices; prohibited punishment; physical restraint; notification requirements	No major change; language change to meet CMS Final Rule
816 Transportation	816 Transportation	No major change;

817 Nutrition, food handling storage	817 Nutrition, food handling storage	No major change
818 Storage and administration of medication	818 Storage and administration of medication	No major change
819 Health Care	819 Health Care	Added regulatory requirement for flu vaccine to meet FFPSA
820 General environmental regulations	820 General environmental regulations	Added regulatory requirements to meet FFPSA: kitchen with a sink, refrigerator, stove, oven and one operable bathroom with sink flush toilet, tub or shower; fire extinguisher; change regulatory requirement for guarding of stairs from 21 inches to 30 inches to align with international building code; change age requirement for baby gates; added water temperature requirement
821 Sleeping arrangements	821 Sleeping arrangements	No major change;
822 Safety Procedures; emergency plan; drills	822 Safety Procedures; emergency plan; drills	No major change;
823 Outside premises	823 Outside premises	No major change
824 Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs; off-premises swimming and wading activities	824 Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs; off-premises swimming and wading activities	Meet FFPSA Changed regulations for swimming pools, allows barriers other than a fence, requires a filtration system
825 Animals	825 Animals	Removed regulations prohibiting pit bulls, constricting reptiles, exotic animals.