

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION/LICENSURE OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AND CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise staff of a new administrative rule (13 CSR 35-50.010) that is pursuant to 210.112.7 RSMo. This rule allows residential child care and child placing agencies which are accredited by Council on Accreditation of Services for Children and Families, Inc., the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to become licensed or relicensed by virtue of their accreditation status.

In the initial licensure and re-licensure process, an agency accredited by one of the accrediting bodies will provide the Children's Division (CD) Residential Program Unit (RPU) with a copy of the organization's official final accreditation report and accreditation certificate and a list of operating sites which includes the capacity, gender, and ages served. The division shall examine the application and issue a corresponding license for those areas in which the agency is accredited. The license shall be valid for a period of time up to two (2) years, or when the agency's accreditation expires, whichever is shorter. The list referenced above will need to be updated if there is a change in operating sites. Attached is a letter and the new rule sent to all licensed residential child care and child placing agencies regarding the new rule. (For more information please see the [attached letter](#) and [13 CSR 35-50.010 Accreditation as Evidence for Meeting Licensing Requirements](#)).

Please feel free to contact Fred Proebsting, State Supervisor, RPU, at 573-751-4954 or Fred.Proebsting@dss.mo.gov if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Necessary Action:

1. Please share this information with all CD staff.
2. Case specific questions regarding this rule need to be sent up the supervisory line.

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Attachments (2): [13 CSR 35-50.010](#) and [Letter](#)