

Practice Alert



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MACHS Codes and Adoption Fingerprinting

Dear Children's Division Staff,

After the FBI conducted an audit for the Children's Division's fingerprinting processes it was discovered that the adoption statute was being used incorrectly (i.e., we were using Rap Back to confirm fingerprint results for resource parents who wanted to adopt but had already been fingerprinted under the licensing statute). This means that whenever a resource parent wants to adopt they must be re-fingerprinted.

In order to relieve the Children's Division of having to re-fingerprint foster parents for adoption the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) has offered a solution. The MSHP is going to add the statute for adoptions (43.548) to the registration code for licensing (210.487). This means that when applicants complete the CS-42 application that they check both foster and adoption if they are at all interested in adopting. If the applicants are not interested in adopting then they do not have to check the box. **Registration codes have stayed the same so there is nothing you need to do on your end.** Please know that while the MSHP is adjusting MACHs there will be a cut off date in which applicants should not register. **Those dates are 12/22/2022 through 12/26/2022. Anytime during those dates no one should register for fingerprints. Registration may continue on 12/27/2022.** If you have any problems with registration after that date please email Melissa Selsor. If you have any questions about the above please email Melissa as well.