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Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR PRIVATE CHILD-PLACING AGENCY DIRECTOR

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS AND LICENSING WORKERS

SUBJECT: OUT- OF-STATE FACILITIES AND FOSTER HOMES

As a result of the latest Title IV-E audit, the Division of Social Services learned that one additional requirement will need to be met for children to be placed in Out-Of-State Facilities and Foster Homes. County departments of social services placing children in out-of-state facilities and foster homes will need to determine that the facilities and foster homes meet the federal requirements related to fingerprint checks. County departments of social services will need to request the fingerprint clearance letter issued in that state that meets federal Title IV-E requirements. This document will need to be submitted to the licensing authority and to the Interstate Compact Team. The Division of Social Services is in the process of rewriting administrative rule 10A NCAC 70E .0710 to reflect this change.

Questions about this new requirement should be directed to the Foster Care Licensing Office at 828-669-3388 or the Interstate Compact Team at 919-733-9464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
Family Support and Child Welfare Services

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