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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Linda Reivitz, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed amendments to rules relating to child-placing agencies and group homes for children were duly approved and adopted by this Department on November 11, 1983.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in the city of Madison, this 11th day of November, A.D. 1983.

Linda/Reivitz,

Secretary

Department of Health and Social Services

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## ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDING RULES

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To amend HSS 54.01(4)(c) and 57.04(1), relating to child-placing agencies and group homes for children.

## Analysis prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services

The definition of "child-placing agency" in s. HSS 54.01(4)(c) is corrected. The current rule definition refers to placement of children in foster family homes, whereas s.48.61(3), Stats., refers to the placement of children in licensed foster homes and licensed group homes.

Section HSS 57.04(1) is amended to exempt county agencies specified in s.48.56, Stats., and child welfare agencies licensed to place children in family or group foster care, from the requirement that the licensee contract in writing with the sponsoring agency. Since a county agency or child-placing agency could be both a licensee and the sponsoring agency, this requirement means that the agency would have to contract with itself. The amendment eliminates this incongruity and clarifies the intent of the requirement.

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Health and Social Services by s. 48.67, Stats., the Department of Health and Social Services hereby amends rules interpreting ss. 48.48(4) and (9)(a), 48.60, 48.64(4) and 48.66, Stats., as follows:

- SECTION 1. HSS 54.01(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:
- (c) "Child-placing agency" means a child welfare agency licensed to place children in <u>licensed family</u> foster <del>family</del> homes and licensed group homes.
- SECTION 2. HSS 57.04(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:
- (1) CONTRACT WITH SPONSORING AGENCY. Any individual or organization wanting to operate a group home, except a county agency specified in s.48.56, Stats., or a child welfare agency licensed to place children in group homes under s.48.60, Stats., shall contract in writing with one sponsoring agency, specifying the program under which the home shall be operated and providing for the exclusive placement of children in the group home by or through that sponsoring agency.

The amendments contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following their publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in  $\mathfrak{s}.227.026(1)$ , Stats.

Department of Health and Social Services

By:

Linda Reivitz

Secretary

Seal:

Date: //-//- 83

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