

TITLE 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Division 35—Children’s Division
Chapter 60—Licensing of Foster Family Homes

AMENDMENT

13 CSR 35-60.040 Physical and Environmental Standards. The Department of Social Services is amending subsection (3)(I).

PURPOSE: This amendment corrects subsection (3)(I) of this rule which incorrectly described bed space and bed sharing requirements among children in foster family homes. The subsection should have required separate beds for children under two (2) years of age consistent with safe sleep practices and allowed bed sharing with sufficient bed space for children over two (2) years of age but currently states the opposite. Additionally, the requirement that the children’s abuse and neglect history be considered prior to allowing bed sharing was erroneously removed from the prior version of this rule. This amendment restores this requirement.

(3) Sleeping Arrangements.

(I) Each foster child *[under]* **over** the age of two (2) shall have bed space equivalent to one-half (1/2) of a full-size bed. Each foster child *[over]* **under** the age of two (2) shall have a separate bed. **The abuse and neglect history of each child should be taken into consideration before allowing a child to share a bed with another child.**

AUTHORITY: sections 207.020, 210.506, and 660.017, RSMo 2016.

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PUBLIC COST: This amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division-Rulemaking, P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527, or by email to Rules.Comment@dss.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.