

TITLE 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Division 35—Children’s Division
Chapter 71—Rules for Residential Treatment Agencies for Children and Youth

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

13 CSR 35-71.300 Notification Requirements for License-Exempt Residential Care Facilities. The division is amending subsection (5)(D) to remove an unnecessary procedure for the verification of medical record retention by deleting subparagraph 8.B of subsection (5)(D).

PURPOSE: The amendment removes outdated information and an unnecessary procedure.

(5) Notification Procedures.

D) The notification shall contain the information required in this subsection and otherwise in this regulation.

1. The LERCF shall list its full name, street address, mailing addresses, email address, and phone number. The mailing address and email addresses shall be the addresses of record of the LERCF and all official correspondence to the LERCF will be sent to the mailing or email address on record.

2. The LERCF shall identify the name of the director, owner, operator, all staff members, volunteers, and any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides at or on the property of the LERCF. The LERCF shall provide the name, street address, physical and electronic mailing addresses, and phone number of the director or director’s designee who will serve as the point of contact between the division and the LERCF.

3. The LERCF shall provide a full description of the agency or organization operating the LERCF, including a statement as to whether the agency or organization is incorporated.

A. The description of the agency or organization shall specify the type of agency or organization.

B. If the agency or organization is incorporated then the LERCF shall provide the state in which the LERCF was incorporated and the corporate name of the LERCF.

4. The LERCF shall identify the name and address of the sponsoring organization of the residential care facility, if applicable.

5. The LERCF shall identify the school or schools attended by the children served by the residential care facility. The LERCF shall list the name and address of each school.

6. Fire and safety inspection certificates.

A. The LERCF shall include with the notification a copy of any and all fire and safety inspection certificates required by law in the jurisdiction where the LERCF operates, and shall indicate the date of the inspection and the date that each certificate expires, if any. If the LERCF operates in more than one (1) county or local jurisdiction then the LERCF shall submit the required certificates for each facility at each location. The LERCF shall indicate the date of the inspection and the date that each certificate expires, if applicable.

B. LERCFs operating in jurisdictions where there are no required fire and safety inspections shall include a statement to that effect in the notification form.

C. If the LERCF is unable, after exercising diligent efforts, and due to no fault of its own, to obtain fire and safety inspection certificates in jurisdictions where such certificates are required by state law or local ordinance, then the LERCF shall submit a statement describing the efforts made to obtain the certificate(s) and the reason why the LERCF was unable to obtain the certificate. The LERCF shall attach copies of any correspondence from any state, county, or local jurisdictions declining to conduct the inspection when available.

7. Local health department inspection certificates.

A. The LERCF shall include with the notification a copy of any and all state or local health department inspection certificates required in the jurisdiction in which the facility operates. If the LERCF operates in more than one (1) county or local jurisdiction, then the LERCF shall obtain the required certificates for each facility at each location. The LERCF shall indicate the date of the inspection and the date that each certificate expires, if any.

B. LERCFs operating in jurisdictions where there are no required local or county government health department inspections shall include a statement to that effect in the notification form.

C. If the LERCF is unable, after exercising diligent efforts, and due to no fault of its own, to obtain any required local health department inspection certificates in jurisdictions where such certificates are required by state law or local ordinance, then the LERCF shall submit a statement describing the efforts made to obtain the certificate(s) and the reason why the LERCF was unable to obtain the certificate. The LERCF shall attach copies of any correspondence from any state, county, or local jurisdictions declining to conduct the inspection when available.

8. Proof that medical records are maintained for each child.

A. The division will accept a written attestation, made under oath, subject to penalty of perjury, and executed by the director of the LERCF, that the LERCF actually maintains medical records for each child served by the LERCF according to the written policy of the LERCF, which shall be attached to the attestation.

[B. The LERCF shall provide the division access to the facility upon request to inspect the medical records maintained by the LERCF on the children served by the LERCF in order to verify that the medical records are being kept. The division will request access to this information only when the division has reasonable basis to believe that the LERCF is not maintaining records for any child as required by law.]

9. Background Check completion/eligibility. The director of the LERCF, or his or her authorized designee, shall certify, under oath subject to the penalties of perjury that all individuals who are required to complete a background check have successfully completed the background checks and have been found eligible for employment or presence at the LERCF pursuant to section 210.493, RSMo, and 13 CSR 35-71.015.

A. Phase-in period for LERCFs in operation as of July 14, 2021. For all original notifications submitted by LERCFs which were both in operation and had children in its facility as of July 14, 2021, the division will accept a written certification from the director of the LERCF that all individuals who are required to submit to a

background check pursuant to section 210.493, RSMo, and 13 CSR 35-71.015 either have completed the background check requirements or will have successfully completed the background check by the end of the phase-in period. Upon completion of this process the director or the director's designee shall provide written or electronic notice to the division certifying that the background check process for these individuals has been successfully completed. The division may extend this period for up to an additional one hundred twenty (120) days if the LERCF establishes, in writing, that it is unable to successfully complete the process by the deadline.

*AUTHORITY: sections 207.020 and 660.017, RSMo 2016, and sections 210.493 and 210.1286, RSMo Supp. 2023. * Emergency rule filed Sept. 17, 2021, effective Oct. 1, 2021, expired March 29, 2022. Original rule filed Sept. 17, 2021, effective March 30, 2022. Amended: Filed April 23, 2024.*

Original authority: 207.020, RSMo 1945, amended 1961, 1965, 1977, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1993, 2014; 210.493, RSMo 2021, **amended 2023; 210.1286, RSMo 2021; and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

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

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment 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.