



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

SHEILA J. POOLE
Acting Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION FOR AN EMERGENCY ADOPTED RULE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

I, Sheila J. Poole, Acting Commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), hereby certify that the attached amendments to Parts 166, 180 and 182 of Title 9 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR), and Parts 402, 421, 433, 435, 441, 442, 443, 447, 448, 449, 476, 477 and 489 of Title 18 of the NYCRR are duly adopted by me and are effective on December 8, 2015.

These amendments are adopted pursuant to the provisions of § 20(3)(d) and § 34(3)(f) of the New York State Social Services Law, § 501(5) and § 532-e of the New York State Executive Law, and Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012, under which the Commissioner of OCFS may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the agency.

The adoption of these regulations on an emergency basis is necessary to create an immediate set of durable and consistent safeguards for vulnerable persons, thereby protecting the health, safety and welfare of vulnerable persons from abuse, neglect and other harmful conduct.

Dated: December 2, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Poole", written over a horizontal line.

Sheila J. Poole
Acting Commissioner