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

I, Sheila J. Poole, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), hereby certify that the attached amendments to Sub-parts 443.1 and 443.7 of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York are duly adopted by me. These amendments are adopted pursuant to the provisions of sections 20(3)(d) and 34(3)(f) of the New York State Social Services Law, under which the Commissioner of OCFS may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the agency. I determined that it is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare that this amendment be adopted on an emergency basis as authorized by section 202(6) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

These amendments are adopted as an emergency measure because time is of the essence. They are necessary to comply with legislative changes to the Family Court Act section 1028-a by Ch. 434 of L. 2019 which expanded the definition of a relative and were effective immediately.

Dated: April 16, 2020

Sheila J. Poole
Commissioner