



Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

SHEILA J. POOLE
Commissioner

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 Parts 421, 442, 443, and 448 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 required on an expedited basis to maintain the general health safety, and welfare of children in foster care and those who are adopted by preventing scenarios that may unnecessary delay adoptions; disrupt or prevent or disrupt foster existing care placement that may be in a child's best interest; and create staffing challenges for programs providing critical services to children in foster care.

Dated: May 26, 2020

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

Sheila J. Poole
Commissioner