Dear Senators VANORDEN, Lee, Wintrow, and Representatives VANDER WOUDE, Erickson, Rubel:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Department of Health and Welfare:

IDAPA 16.06.01 - Child and Family Services - Temporary and Proposed Rule (Docket No. 16-0601-2402).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 07/18/2024. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 08/15/2024.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health

& Welfare Committee

**FROM:** Legislative Drafter - Kyle Slominski

**DATE:** July 1, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Department of Health and Welfare

IDAPA 16.06.01 - Child and Family Services - Temporary and Proposed Rule (Docket No. 16-0601-2402)

### **Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule**

This temporary and proposed rule revises the definition of "family services worker" to include any case carrying personnel working in Child and Family Services Programs as well as revising the definition of "responsible party" to include family service workers. The agency states that this change aligns with current staffing and practices and allows all Department staff who fall under the definition of family services worker the authority to complete monthly contacts with children in foster care as required by federal law.

The temporary and proposed rule also allows for enhanced payment rates for foster parents when there are insufficient foster homes available to meet the needs of children needing placement as well as revising rules related to the Child Protection Central Registry review and appeals process.

### **Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact**

The agency states that negotiated rulemaking related to the content of this docket was conducted under the rewrite docket for IDAPA 16.06.01, "Child and Family Services," Docket No. 16-0601-2401 and that notice was published in the April 3, 2024, edition of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin. There is no anticipated fiscal impact with this rulemaking.

### **Statutory Authority**

This rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to several chapters of Idaho Code, including Chapters 16, 21, and 24 in Title 16, Chapters 12, 56, and 75 in Title 39, and Chapters 2, 8, and 10 in Title 56.

cc: Department of Health and Welfare Frank Powell and Trinette Middlebrook

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Tel: 208-334-2475 legislature.idaho.gov Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: 1) Approve the docket in its entirety; 2) Reject the docket in its entirety; or 3) Reject the docket in part.

### **IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

## 16.06.01 – CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

#### **DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2402**

### NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED RULE

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the temporary rule is April 17, 2024.

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Sections 67-5221(1) and 67-5226, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a temporary rule, and proposed regular rulemaking procedures have been initiated. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 16-1629, 16-1623, 16-2102, 16-2406, 16-2423, and 16-2433, 39-1209 through 1211, 39-5603, 39-7501, 56-202(b), 56-204A, 56-803, 56-1003, 56-1004, 56-1004A, and 56-1007, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearings concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

#### VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCES Via WebEx

Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (MT)

Join from the meeting link https://idhw.webex.com/idhw/j.php?MTID=m40abe4a9edb65df9b3e2a801ecaac318

Join by meeting number
Meeting number (access code): 2822 664 4108
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Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (MT)

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The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below. Each meeting will conclude after 30 minutes if no participants sign into the meeting.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is the required finding and concise statement of its supporting reasons for adopting a temporary rule and a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Under the Adoption Section there is clear language that outlines that only social workers are responsible for assisting children in processing grief and loss as a result of their separation from their parents. Language specific to "social workers" needs to be modified to include family services workers, which includes licensed and non-licensed social workers and individuals with a human services degree. This change aligns with current staffing and practices and allows all Department staff who fall under the definition of "family services worker" (who maintains case planning and case management responsibilities) the authority to complete monthly contacts with children in foster care as required by the Social Security Act §422(b)(17) and §424(f).

**TEMPORARY RULE JUSTIFICATION:** Pursuant to Section 67-5226(1) Section (a), Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate for the following reasons:

This change is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare of citizens utilizing the services in family services and clarifies rule to align with current practice.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

There are no associated fee changes due to the Temporary and Proposed rule changes in this rulemaking.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year:

This rulemaking is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the State Funds, General Funds, or any other known funds.

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking related to the content of this docket was conducted under the rewrite docket for IDAPA 16.06.01, "Child and Family Services," Docket No. 16-0601-2401. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the April 3, 2024, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 24-4, pages 23-24.

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule:

There are no incorporation by reference changes included in this rulemaking.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the temporary and proposed rule, contact Andie Blackwood at (208) 334-5960.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before June 26, 2024.

DATED this 23rd day of May, 2024.

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# THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEMPORARY RULE AND THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2402

(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

#### 16.06.01 - CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

#### 011. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS F THROUGH K.

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms are used:

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- **01. Family**. Parent(s), legal guardian(s), related individuals including birth or adoptive immediate family members, extended family members and significant other individuals, who are included in the family plan. (3-15-22)
- **O2. Family Assessment.** An ongoing process based on information gained through a series of meetings with a family to gain mutual perception of strengths and resources that can support them in creating long-term solutions related to identified service needs and safety threats to family integrity, unity, or the ability to care for their members.

  (3-15-22)
- **03. Family Case Record**. Electronic and hard copy compilation of all documentation relating to a family, including legal documents, identifying information, and evaluations. (3-15-22)
- **04. Family (Case) Plan.** Also referred to as a family service plan. A written document that serves as the guide for provision of services. The plan, developed with the family, clearly identifies who does what, when, how, and why. The family plan incorporates any special plans made for individual family members. If the family includes an Indian child, or child's tribe, tribal elders or leaders should be consulted early in the plan development. (3-15-22)
- **05.** Family Services Worker. Any of the direct service Case carrying personnel, including social workers, working in regional Child and Family Services Programs. (3-15-22)(4-17-24)T
- **06. Federally-Funded Guardianship Assistance for Relatives**. Benefits described in Subsection 702.04 and Section 703 of these rules provided to a relative guardian for the support of a child who is fourteen (14) years of age or older, who, without guardianship assistance, would remain in the legal custody of the Department of Health and Welfare. (3-15-22)
  - **07. Field Office.** A Department of Health and Welfare service delivery site. (3-15-22)
  - **08.** Goal. A statement of the long-term outcome or plan for the child and family. (3-15-22)
- **109. Independent Living.** Services provided to eligible foster or former foster youth, ages fourteen (14) to twenty-three (23), designed to support a successful transition to adulthood. (3-15-22)
- **10. Indian**. Any person who is a member of an Indian tribe or who is an Alaska Native and a member of a Regional Corporation as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1606. (3-15-22)
  - 11. Indian Child. Any unmarried person who is under the age of eighteen (18) who is: (3-15-22)
  - a. A member of an Indian tribe; or (3-15-22)
- **b.** Eligible for membership in an Indian tribe, and who is the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe. (3-15-22)
  - 12. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, et seq.

(3-15-22)

13. Indian Child's Tribe.

- (3-15-22)
- a. The Indian tribe in which an Indian child is a member or eligible for membership, or (3-15-22)
- **b.** In the case of an Indian child who is a member of or eligible for membership in more than one (1) tribe, the Indian tribe with which the Indian child has the more significant contacts. (3-15-22)
- 14. Indian Tribe. Any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the Secretary because of their status as Indians, including any Alaska Native village as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1602(c). (3-15-22)
- 15. Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-279). Federal law designed to protect the rights of, and prevent abuses against children, birth families, and adoptive parents involved in adoptions (or prospective adoptions) subject to the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and to insure that such adoptions are in the children's best interests; and to improve the ability of the federal government to assist U.S. citizens seeking to adopt children from abroad and residents of other countries party to the Convention seeking to adopt children from the United States. (3-15-22)
- 16. Interethnic Adoption Provisions of 1996 (IEP). IEP prohibits delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or foster care on race, color or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent(s), or the child involved.

  (3-15-22)
- 17. Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) in Title 16, Chapter 21, Idaho Code, ensures that the jurisdictional, administrative, and human rights obligations of interstate placement or transfers of children are protected. (3-15-22)
- **18. Kin.** Non-relatives who have a significant, family-like relationship with a child. Kin may include godparents, close family friends, clergy, teachers, and members of a child's Indian tribe. Also known as fictive kin. (3-15-22)

#### 012. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS L THROUGH R.

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms are used:

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- **01. Legal Guardianship**. A judicially-created relationship, in accordance with Title 15, Chapter 5, Part 2, Idaho Code, including one made by a tribal court, between a child and a relative or non-relative. (3-15-22)
- **02. Licensed**. Facilities or programs are licensed in accordance with the provisions of IDAPA 16.06.02, "Child Care Licensing." (3-15-22)
  - **03.** Licensing. See IDAPA 16.06.02, "Child Care Licensing," Section 100. (3-15-22)
  - 04. Medicaid. See "Title XIX."
- **05. Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (MEPA)**. MEPA prohibits states or public and private foster care and adoption agencies that receive federal funds from delaying or denying the placement of any child solely on the basis of race, color, or national origin. (3-15-22)
- **96. Parent**. A person who, by birth or through adoption, is considered legally responsible for a child. The term "legal guardian" is not included in the definition of parent. (3-15-22)
- **07. Permanency Planning.** A primary function of family services initiated in all cases to identify programs, services, and activities designed to establish permanent home and family relationships for children within a reasonable amount of time. (3-15-22)
  - **08. Personal Care Services (PCS).** Services to eligible Medicaid recipients that involve personal and

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medically-oriented tasks dealing with the physical or functional impairments of the individual. (3-15-22)

- **P.L. 96-272.** Public Law 96-272, the federal "Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980." (3-15-22)
- 10. P.L. 105-89. Public Law 105-89, the federal "Adoptions and Safe Families Act of 1997," amends P.L. 96-272 and prohibits states from delaying or denying cross-jurisdictional adoptive placements with an approved family. (3-15-22)
- 11. Planning. An orderly rational process that results in identification of goals and formulation of timely strategies to fulfill such goals, within resource constraints. (3-15-22)
- 12. Qualified Expert Witness-ICWA. An individual who is an expert regarding tribal customs pertaining to family organization and child rearing practice, and is qualified to render an opinion as to whether continued custody of the child by the parent(s), or Indian custodian(s), is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.

  (3-15-22)
  - **13. Relative.** Person related to a child by blood, marriage, or adoption. (3-15-22)
- **14. Relative Guardian**. A relative who is appointed a child's legal guardian in accordance with Title 15, Chapter 5, Part 2, Idaho Code, including a guardianship established by a tribal court. (3-15-22)
- **15. Reservation**. A reservation is an area of land "reserved" by or for an Indian band, village, or tribe(s) to live on and use. Reservations were created by treaty, by congressional legislation, or by executive order. Since 1934, the Secretary of the Interior has had the responsibility of establishing new reservations or adding land to existing reservations. (3-15-22)
- 16. Respite Care. Time-limited care provided to children. Respite care is utilized in circumstances that require short term, temporary care of a child by a licensed or agency-approved caregiver different from their usual caregiver. The duration of an episode of respite care ranges from one (1) partial day up to fourteen (14) consecutive days.

  (3-15-22)
- 17. Responsible Party. A Department social worker, clinician, <u>family services worker</u>, or service provider who maintains responsibility and authority for case planning and case management. (3-15-22)(4-17-24)T

#### (BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

#### 484. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO FAMILY ALTERNATE CARE PROVIDERS.

For those children who require additional care above room, board, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, personal incidentals, the Department may pay the family alternate care provider an additional amount to the amount paid under Section 483 of these rules. This family alternate care rate is based upon a ongoing assessment of the child's circumstances that necessitate special rates as well as the care provider's ability, activities, and involvement in addressing those special needs. Additional payment will be made as follows:

(3-15-22)

**01. Lowest Level of Need.** Ninety dollars (\$90) per month for a child requiring a mild degree of care for documented conditions including: (3-15-22)

a.	Chronic medical problems:	(3	3-1	5-	22	(
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**b.** Frequent, time-consuming transportation needs; (3-15-22)

c. Behaviors requiring extra supervision and control; and (3-15-22)

**d.** Need for preparation for independent living. (3-15-22)

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**02. Moderate Level of Need**. One hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per month for a child requiring a moderate degree of care for documented conditions including: (3-15-22)

a. Ongoing major medical problems; (3-15-22)
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- **b.** Behaviors that require immediate action or control; and (3-15-22)
- c. Alcohol or other substance use disorder. (3-15-22)
- **03. Highest Level of Need**. Two hundred forty dollars (\$240) per month for a child requiring an extraordinary degree of care for documented conditions including: (3-15-22)
  - a. Severe emotional or behavioral disturbance; (3-15-22)
  - **b.** Severe developmental disability; and (3-15-22)
  - c. Severe physical disability such as quadriplegia. (3-15-22)
- **04. Reportable Income**. Additional payments for more than ten (10) qualified children received during any calendar year must be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service. (3-15-22)
- 05. Crisis Level of Need. The director or designee may approve enhanced rates for foster parents when there are insufficient foster homes available to meet the needs of children needing placement including sibling groups.

  (4-17-24)T

#### (BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

# 564. NOTIFICATION OF A SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENT OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR ABANDONMENT, AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND CONTESTED CASE APPEAL RIGHTS.

- **01. Notification of Substantiated Incident.** Prior to placement on the Child Protection Central Registry, the Department will notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, each individual for whom an incident of abuse, neglect, or abandonment has been substantiated. The individual has twenty-eight (28) days from the date on the notification to file a request for an administrative review under the requirements in IDAPA 16.05.03, "Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings." Failure to request a review will result in the individual's name being entered on the Child Protection Central Registry without further right for appeal. The Department's written notice will state:

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  - a. The risk level assigned to the incident; (3-15-22)
  - **b.** The basis for the Department's decision; (3-15-22)
- c. The individual's right to request an administrative review by the Department's Family and Community Services (FACS) Division Administrator of the Department's decision; and (3-15-22)
  - **d.** The Department's contact information. (3-15-22)
- **O2.** Administrative Review Not Requested. If the individual does not request an administrative review by the FACS Division Administrator within twenty-eight (28) days from the date on the notification, their name will automatically be entered on the Child Protection Central Registry without further notice or right for appeal.

  (3-15-22)
- **032.** Administrative Review Requested. If the individual requests an administrative review by the FACS Division Administrator within twenty-eight (28) days from the date on the notification, the appeal process will

begin. The individual will receive redacted documents regarding the incident that is being appealed. The individual will have fourteen (14) days to submit additional documentation. At the end of the fourteen-day period, the incident will be reviewed by the FACS Division Administrator and a decision will be rendered to either affirm, reverse, or modify, the decision to substantiate the incident of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The Department will notify the individual of the FACS Division Administrator's decision by mail. If the administrative review affirms or modifies the decision to substantiate, failure to timely request a contested case appeal will result in the individual's name being entered on the Child Protection Central Registry without further right for appeal.

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- **043. Reversal of Decision to Substantiate.** When the FACS Division Administrator completes the administrative review and reverses the decision to substantiate the incident of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, and determines that the incident is not substantiated, then no further action is required by the individual. The individual's name will not be placed on the Child Protection Central Registry. (3-15-22)
- **054. Contested Case Appeal.** When the FACS Division Administrator completes the administrative review and affirms the decision to substantiate the incident of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, the individual will be notified by mail that their name has been placed on the Child Protection Central Registry and the individual has twenty-eight (28) days to continue the appeal process and will be informed of:

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  - **a.** The basis for the Department's decision;

(3-15-22)

- **b.** The procedures for filing a contested case appeal—under IDAPA 16.05.03, "Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings," Section 101; (3-15-22)(4-17-24)T
- c. The procedures for filing a petition for removal from the Child Protection Central Registry after the applicable minimum time has passed under Section 566 of these rules; and (3-15-22)(4-17-24)T
  - **d.** The Department's contact information-; and

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- <u>e.</u> That failure to respond at any point in the appeal process will end the appeal process and the individual's name will automatically be entered on the Child Protection Central Registry without further notice or right to appeal.

  (4-17-24)T
- 05. Child Protection Central Registry. Following a decision by the hearing officer to affirm the decision to substantiate, an individual's name will be placed on the Child Protection Central Registry. (4-17-24)T

# 565. PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME ON THE CHILD PROTECTION CENTRAL REGISTRY PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2007. (RESERVED)

After January 1, 2008, an individual whose name was placed on the Child Protection Central Registry prior to October 1, 2007, may file a petition to have their name removed from the registry in accordance with Subsection 566.01 of these rules. The petitioner will be assigned a child protection risk level in accordance with criteria under Section 563 of these rules and the case will be reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for removal.

(3-15-22)

## 566. PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME FROM THE CHILD PROTECTION CENTRAL REGISTRY.

Any individual whose name is on the Child Protection Central Registry and whose required minimum time on the registry has elapsed, may petition the Department to remove their name from the Registry. If not previously assigned a risk level, the petitioner will be assigned a child protection risk level in accordance with the criteria under Section 563 of these rules. An individual whose name appears with a Level One designation on the Child Protection Central Registry is not eligible to petition for removal.

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**O1.** Petition for Removal From the Child Protection Central Registry. Any individual whose name appears on the Child Protection Central Registry with a designation of either Level Two or Level Three, may petition to have their name removed from the Child Protection Central Registry after the minimum period of time has elapsed for the applicable level. The petition must include a written statement from the petitioner to the Department's FACS Division Administrator requesting that the petitioner's name be removed from the Child Protection Central Registry.

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- **02.** Criteria for Granting Petition for Removal From the Child Protection Central Registry. The petition for removal from the Child Protection Central Registry will be granted if: (3-15-22)
- **a.** There are no additional substantiated reports on the Child Protection Central Registry or that of other states in which the petitioner has resided since the last substantiated report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment in Idaho; and (3-15-22)
- **b.** There are no convictions, adjudications, or withheld judgments for any of the crimes listed under Subsection 566.03 of this rule: (3-15-22)
- i. On Idaho's central repository of criminal history records as established and maintained by the Idaho State Police under Title 67, Chapter 30, Idaho Code; or (3-15-22)
- ii. On the criminal history repository of other states in which the petitioner has resided since the last substantiated report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment in Idaho. (3-15-22)
- **03. Criminal History Checks**. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to request, pay for, and obtain the criminal history checks and submit them to the Department. (3-15-22)
- **a.** The Department will not remove a petitioner from the Child Protection Central Registry if a criminal history check reveals any of the following, within five (5) years of the receipt of the petition: (3-15-22)
  - i. Physical Assault; (3-15-22)
  - ii. Battery; or (3-15-22)
  - iii. A drug-related offense. (3-15-22)
- **b.** The Department will not remove a petitioner from the Child Protection Central Registry if a criminal history check reveals any of the following: (3-15-22)
  - i. Child abuse or neglect; (3-15-22)
  - ii. Spousal abuse; (3-15-22)
  - iii. A crime against children, including child pornography; or (3-15-22)
- iv. A crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery. (3-15-22)
- **04. Granting or Denying Removal From the Child Protection Central Registry**. The Department will issue a letter granting or denying removal of the petitioner's name from the Child Protection Central Registry within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the petition. (3-15-22)
- **05. Appeal of a Denial of Removal From the Child Protection Central Registry.** The individual may appeal the denial of removal of their name from the Child Protection Central Registry under IDAPA 16.05.03, "Contested Cases Proceedings and Declaratory Ruling," Section 101. (3-15-22)