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## State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

## WELL WATER AGREEMENT

Rule 402.8(c) The water supply of the foster family home shall comply with the requirements of the local and state health departments. ... If well water is used, a copy of the Inspection Report and Compliance with (any health department) Regulations shall be on file with the supervising agency.

Rule 406.8(d) A safe and sanitary water supply shall be maintained. If a private water supply is used instead of an approved public water supply, the applicant shall supply written records of current test results indicating the water supply is safe for drinking. New test results must be provided prior to relicensing. If nitrate content exceeds ten parts per million, bottled water must be used for children under 15 months of age.

- --Nitrate Levels over 10 parts per million are unsafe for pregnant women and infants for drinking and in cooking. Bottled drinking water from another source is a safe alternative.
- --Coliform is reduced by treating the well and may need regular maintenance for ongoing safety. Detectible levels of fecal coliform may indicate that contaminated surface water or septic fields are seeping into the well. Your local Public Health Department, Public Library, or a local University Extension Office may assist you with water chlorination treatment information and information about isolating the well from surface water. The Environmental Protection Agency may help with assessing contamination from agricultural pesticide runoff, mining or industry runoff, and other local well-water contaminants.

If contaminated water is unsafe to drink, sufficient drinking water supply must be provided.

Extra supervision measures may needed to keep children safe with these water conditions.

I certify that I AM ABLE TO PROVIDE SAFE WATER. I understand that, if I use well water, I must be able to provide for the general requirements listed above to be approved for licensure.

I/WE hereby agree to use only water which has been boiled for five minutes for all drinking and cooking purposes and to provide infants under the age of one only bottled water until such time as the State Department of Public Health shall advise the agency supervising my/our home that this precaution is no longer necessary to protect the health of any children placed in my/our home.

Supporting document from local or state Public Health Department is attached.

Signature (Applicant A)

Date

Signature (Applicant B)

Date