
NOTICE TO FOSTER FAMILY HOMES

Amendments to Rule 402, Licensing Standards for Foster Family Homes

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The following is a summary of recent amendments to **Rule 402, Licensing Standards for Foster Family Homes**:

Section 402.2 Definitions

“Foster family home” definition has been revised to meet the current definition in the Child Care Act of 1969 [225 ILCS 10].

Removed definitions that are not used within the text of the Rule.

Section 402.15 Number and Ages of Children Served (a) and (b)

This Section includes revised language on how to determine the capacity of children without an expanded capacity waiver, and revised language regarding the ages of children served.

Section 402.15 Number and Ages of Children Served (c)(2)

This Section includes revised language listing the four criteria for requesting an expanded capacity license. An expanded capacity license may only be issued:

- To allow parenting youth in care to remain with their own child;
- To allow siblings to remain together;
- To allow a child with a meaningful relationship with the family to remain with the family; or
- To allow a foster family with special training or skills to provide care to a child who has a severe disability.

402 APPENDIX B clarifies the number and ages of children served in a foster family home when no child requires specialized care.

402 APPENDIX C clarifies the number and ages of children served in a foster family home when a child placed requires specialized care.

Please note: This is a summary of the final rulemaking. The full amendments are posted on the DCFS website at: <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/089/08900402sections.html>