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EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: To comply with P.L. 116.260, Supporting Youth and Foster Families through the Pandemic Act 2021, the emergency rules:

- Allow youth who are eligible for extended foster care services to voluntarily re-enter the program upon reaching the maximum eligibility age of 21 on or after January 27, 2020;
- Allow program participants to remain in the program, regardless of their age, until September 30, 2021; and
- Relieve program participants from being exited from the program for not being able to participate in required education, training, or employment activities or providing documentation of a medical condition that prevents their participation in these activities.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 110-90-0020, 110-90-0040, 110-90-0110, 110-90-0140, 110-90-0160, 110-90-0190, 110-90-0200, 110-145-1305, 110-147-1305, and 110-148-1305.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.08.090.

Other Authority: P.L. 116-260, Proclamation of the Governor 21-02.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this Finding: P.L. 116-260 forbids states from refusing foster care services to persons who, during the COVID-19 pandemic, either have or will become too old to be eligible for services and eliminates certain additional eligibility elements.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 10, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: August 11, 2021.

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