

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Children and Family Services
Division of Child Welfare**

Extended Foster Care Services
(LAC 67:V.3903)

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has exercised the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) to promulgate LAC 67:V. Subpart 5, Foster Care, Chapter 39, Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and Extended Foster Care, Section 3903. This declaration is necessary to extend the original Emergency Rule since it is effective for a maximum of 120 days and will expire before the Final Rule takes effect. This Emergency Rule extension is effective on November 28, 2018 and shall remain in effect for a period of 120 days.

The Department considers emergency action necessary to facilitate the expenditure of IV-E funds for extended foster care services to the estimated 146 children who are currently eligible for these foster care services as specified in Act 649 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part V. Child Welfare

Subpart 5. Foster Care

**Chapter 39. Chafee Foster Care Independence
Program and Extended Foster Care**

§3903. Extended Foster Care Services

A. The DCFS will continue to provide foster care services to young adults age 18 to 21 who are a full-time high school student or in the process of receiving an equivalent credential. They shall be eligible for foster care services until their high school graduation; completion of their equivalent credential or, their twenty-first birthday, whichever comes first. The young adult in foster care shall be eligible for all foster care services in accordance with their case plan; and, their foster parents, custodian or other placement provider continued services and benefits for the period of time the young adult is eligible and participating in the extended foster care program. The DCFS will notify all foster children and their foster parents/custodians/placement provider in writing of the availability of extended foster care services; eligibility for the services; and, the benefits at the foster child's seventeenth birthday. The written notifications will continue every 90 days unless the foster child and foster parents/custodian/placement provider consent to participate in extended foster care, or the child becomes ineligible for participation in the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 649 of the 2018 Regular Session and R.S. 46:286.24.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services, Child Welfare, LR 44:

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