

# Adoption and Guardianship Subsidy Regulation Changes



The Department of Social Services, Children's Division, recently announced draft emergency amendments to the regulations governing adoption and guardianship subsidies and hosted a public meeting for comment. These amendments are needed to ensure the administration of the subsidy program is current with the following changes in Missouri:

- Missouri law transferred the authority to administer the subsidized child care program from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and
- Behavioral Health services were carved into MHN covered services, allowing residential treatment rehab services to be paid for through MHN or the managed care plan for enrolled children.

## Quick Facts about the Proposed Changes

- The proposed changes do not reduce or eliminate subsidy services for children and families.
- Children receiving adoption and guardianship subsidies will continue to be eligible for "protective service childcare subsidies" through DESE.
- The proposed changes do not make any changes to the "protective service childcare subsidy" administered by DESE.
- Children and families receiving subsidy will NOT have to meet new eligibility or income requirements as a result of the proposed changes.
- The proposed changes improves timely and equitable access to residential treatment services by removing barriers to service and providing consistent eligibility criteria.

**You can access a recording of the public meeting [HERE](#).**

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