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#	License Type	Date Received	Agency Name	Agency Representative	Agency/Agency Representative's Address	Agency/Agency Representative's Phone Number	Rule #	Reason for Waiver	Approved	Attorney Yes/No	Approval Date	Conditions of Approval
1	Child Placing Agency	12/10/2020	Cherish All God's Children, Inc.	Joetta Jones	133 Delwood Drive, McDonough, Georgia 30252	404-996-8187	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	1/7/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain 24 hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the agency. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The agency must document an annual performance evaluation for the staff member completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
2	Child Placing Agency	12/18/2020	Faithbridge Foster Care, Inc.	Kris Isom	4400 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 210, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022	678-690-7118	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	1/7/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety to any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system, such as a baby monitor as well as a divider to ensure privacy for each child.</p> <p>3. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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3	Child Placing Agency	1/15/2021	The Methodist Home of the South Conference, Inc.	Beth Greene	116 Pierce Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31204	478-464-3025	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	1/28/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety to any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and the foster children's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
4	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/16/2021	NVW East, LLC	Summer Hornbeck	311 North Main Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	414-737-0400	290-2-7-.05(5)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states campers shall have had a dental examination by a licensed dentist within six months prior to admission.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	<p>1. The facility must document a dental history conducted by either a certified nurse practitioner or physician during the intake physical. In the absence of any reported or identifiable dental issues or pain, the resident may be admitted into the facility. If there are any reported issues by the resident, the resident may still be admitted into the facility; however, an appointment with a licensed dentist must be scheduled for the next available appointment or within 30 days.</p> <p>2. All residents admitted into the facility must receive a dental examination from a licensed dentist within six months from the admission date. Dental appointment documents must be maintained in the resident's file.</p> <p>3. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.</p>

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5	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/16/2021	NVW East, LLC	Summer Hornbeck	311 North Main Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	414-737-0400	290-2-7-.05(7)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that the intake summary shall include a current (within one year) evaluation by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. The facility must ensure all residents admitted into the facility receive a psychological or psychiatric evaluation within two weeks of admission. This evaluation shall assess the resident for the appropriateness of participating in an Outdoor Child Caring Program. Documentation of this evaluation must be maintained in the resident's file. 2. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.
6	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/16/2021	NVW East, LLC	Summer Hornbeck	311 North Main Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	414-737-0400	290-2-7-.14(1)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which requires camps to have a minimum of ten acres of land for the first 50 campers with an additional five acres for each additional camper.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. The facility shall be limited to a capacity of thirty residents for the first six months of operation. Afterward, the facility may increase its capacity quarterly by ten residents until a capacity of fifty has been reached. 2. The facility shall be limited to fifty residents at one time. 3. The facility must demonstrate current approval with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest at all times. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.
7	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/14/2021	Second Nature Blue Ridge, LLC	Laura Fuqua	236 File Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	706-212-2037	290-2-7-.05(5)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states campers shall have a dental examination by a licensed dentist within six months prior to admission. Treatment shall be provided by the examining dentist.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. The facility must document a dental history conducted by either a certified nurse practitioner or physician during the intake physical. In the absence of any reported or identifiable dental issues or pain, the resident may be admitted to the field, however, an appointment with a licensed dentist must be scheduled for the next available appointment for within 30 days. All residents admitted to the program must receive a dental examination from a licensed dentist within six months of admission to the facility. All dental appointments must be documented and maintained in the resident's file. 2. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.

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8	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/14/2021	Second Nature Blue Ridge, LLC	Laura Fuqua	236 File Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	706-212-2037	290-2-7-.05(6)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states Outdoor Child Caring Programs shall not accept a camper until a psychological or a psychiatric evaluation and an intake study has been made.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. All residents accepted and enrolled in the program must receive a psychological or psychiatric evaluation within two weeks of admission. This evaluation shall assess the resident for the appropriateness of participating in an Outdoor Child Caring Program. Documentation of this evaluation shall be documented and maintained in the resident's file. 2. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.
9	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/14/2021	Second Nature Blue Ridge, LLC	Laura Fuqua	236 File Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	706-212-2037	290-2-7-.05(7)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the intake summary shall include a current (within one year) evaluation by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. The facility must ensure that all residents accepted and enrolled in the program shall receive a psychological or psychiatric evaluation within two weeks of admission. This evaluation shall assess the resident for the appropriateness of participating in an Outdoor Child Caring Program. Documentation of this evaluation shall be documented and maintained in the resident's file. 2. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.
10	Outdoor Child Caring Program	1/14/2021	Second Nature Blue Ridge, LLC	Laura Fuqua	236 File Street, Clayton, Georgia 30525	706-212-2037	290-2-7-.05(8)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that the outdoor child caring program intake process shall include a discussion regarding the placement with the camper and his/her parents or placement agency and it shall include a visit to the camp.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	1. The facility must ensure that the intake process includes a discussion of the program with both the resident and their parent/guardian. Any parent/guardian opting not to visit the camp as a part of the intake process must sign a waiver indicating that they do not wish to visit the camp. This visitation waiver must be documented and maintained in the resident's file. 2. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Outdoor Child Caring Programs.

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11	Child Caring Institution	11/10/2020	George West Mental Health Foundation D/B/A Adolescent Program Skyland Trails	Tonya Beckett	2830 Dresden Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30341	470-823-6985	290-2-5-.05(8) **Effective January 1, 2021, this rule was renumbered to 290-2-5-.05(6) as a result of amendments to the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that a licensed child caring institution shall not provide room, board and watchful oversight to more than 16 residents on its premises.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	<p>1. The facility must limit its capacity to sixteen residents at one time for a period of six months without any adverse actions imposed upon them. After the six month period, the facility may increase its capacity to twenty-six residents at one time.</p> <p>2. The facility must maintain a qualified director and human service professional. There must be at least one human service professional for every sixteen residents in care.</p> <p>3. The facility must ensure that all staff members working directly with the residents are appropriately oriented and trained regarding the type of residents admitted into the facility. This orientation must be documented in the staff member's personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
12	Child Placing Agency	1/26/2021	National Mentor Healthcare, LLC D/B/A Georgia Mentor - Valdosta	Dr. Santoria Williams	2225 Bemiss Road, Suite C, Valdosta, Georgia 31602	404-661-6709	290-9-2-.04(7)(b)	The agency requested a waiver for rule which states that the executive director shall have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and two years of administrative experience in the field of human services.	Approved	No	2/24/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities and must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency and training on leadership and development. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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13	Child Placing Agency	2/23/2021	Foster Love Ministries, Inc.	Marci Bourland	4520 New Jessup Highway, Brunswick, Georgia 31520	912-275-0005	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	1. The staff must receive quarterly supervision from the board president or a designee that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. The staff must obtain at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the agency as well as training on the writing of home study evaluations. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff must receive an annual employee performance evaluation completed by the board president or a designee that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
14	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Sherwood	Sarah Ziegler	569 Sherwood Greens, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.

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15	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - DeKalb	Sarah Ziegler	2914 Cocklebur Trail, Decatur, Georgia 30034	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
16	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Gwinnett	Sarah Ziegler	2552 Poplar Street, Snellville, Georgia 30078	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>

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17	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Stephenson	Sarah Ziegler	505 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
18	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Ellenwood	Sarah Ziegler	4489 Northwind Drive, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>

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19	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Fulton	Sarah Ziegler	3686 Calmer Circle, East Point, Georgia 30344	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
20	Child Caring Institution	2/24/2021	Chris 180, Inc. - Rock Shadow	Sarah Ziegler	568 Rock Shadow Court, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	404-564-3435	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	3/10/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her manager. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her manager that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>

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21	Child Placing Agency	3/1/2021	Families 4 Families, Inc.	Allison Williams	3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-895-4776	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	3/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits during the first six months of placement to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed quarterly during the first year of placement and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
22	Child Placing Agency	3/4/2021	Community Connections, Inc.	Kimberly Brown	2300 West Park Place Boulevard, Suite 114, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	770-465-9644	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	3/25/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits during the first six months of placement to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed quarterly during the first year of placement and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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23	Child Placing Agency	3/4/2021	Families 4 Families, Inc.	Allison Williams	3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-895-4776	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	3/25/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits during the first six months of placement to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed quarterly during the first year of placement and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
24	Child Placing Agency	3/2/2021	Christian City, Inc.	Tierra Harp	7501 Red Oak Road, Union City, Georgia 30291	770-336-6567	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(IV)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states no child over one year of age shall sleep in a room with an adult.	Approved	No	3/26/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in the foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will ensure that the foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and does not sleep in the bed with the foster parent.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure that the foster child is supervised at all times with other children and house pets.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. The waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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25	Child Caring Institution	3/16/2021	Changing Lives Learning Center, LLC	Sophia Jordan	313 Henderson Street, Sandersville, Georgia 31082	478-290-5296	290-2-5-.08(6)(c)2	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that any childcare worker shall be at least 21 years of age and possess a high school diploma or a general education diploma.	Approved	No	4/8/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from the director and/or the human service professional that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member must receive an annual employee performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member's job duties are limited to the role of a child care worker.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the facility demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
26	Child Placing Agency	3/25/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Katherine Mays	1949 Highway 81, Suite 300, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-317-0294	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	4/20/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and the foster children's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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27	Child Placing Agency	3/31/2021	Choices for Life of Georgia, LLC	Vivian Mann	2200 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31602	229-244-1707	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	4/20/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. 2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system, such as a baby monitor. 3. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. 4. The agency will ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. 5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file. 6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
28	Child Placing Agency	3/31/2021	It Is Well Foster Care, Inc.	Bridgetta Sylvain	3 East Main Street, Suite 2A, Buford, Georgia 30518	678-542-0011	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states the casework supervisor shall have the minimum qualifications of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	4/20/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member. 3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency, which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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29	Child Placing Agency	3/29/2021	National Mentor Healthcare, LLC D/B/A Georgia Mentor - Athens	Dr. Santoria Williams	185 Ben Burton Circle, Bogart, Georgia 30622	404-661-6709	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states the casework supervisor shall have the minimum qualifications of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	4/22/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from the director. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member.</p> <p>3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency as well as training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
30	Child Placing Agency	4/2/2021	National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	Dr. Terri Jenkins	315 West Ponce de Leon, Suite 661, Decatur, Georgia 30030	706-724-4387	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	5/7/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and each foster child's files.</p> <p>2. The agency must conduct a monthly phone contact with the home for the first three months of placement to ensure the children are adjusting to the home and to ensure that the foster parents are not overwhelmed with three children under the age of three.</p> <p>3. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>4. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes in the family make-up shall be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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31	Child Placing Agency	4/12/2021	Faithbridge Foster Care, Inc.	Kris Isom	4400 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 210, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022	678-690-7100	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	5/7/2021	1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. At least one of these visits must be conducted in the home. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files. 2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file. 3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. 4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
32	Child Placing Agency	4/13/2021	Faithbridge Foster Care, Inc.	Kris Isom	4400 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 210, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022	678-690-7100	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	5/7/2021	1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files. 2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file. 3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. 4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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33	Child Placing Agency	4/6/2021	Choices for Life of Georgia, LLC	Sara Riley	2200 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31602	229-244-1707	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states the casework supervisor shall have the minimum qualifications of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	5/7/2021	1. The staff member must receive quarterly supervision from the director that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. The staff member must obtain 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the agency. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member shall receive an annual employee performance evaluation completed by the director that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
34	Child Placing Agency	4/14/2021	Families 4 Families, Inc.	Allison Williams	3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-895-4776	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	5/7/2021	1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files. 2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file. 3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. 4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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35	Child Placing Agency	4/21/2021	Community Connections, Inc.	Kimberly Boykin	2300 West Park Place Boulevard, Suite 114, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	770-465-9644	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(IV)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states no child over one year of age shall sleep in a room with an adult.	Approved	No	6/9/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in the foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will ensure that the foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and does not sleep in the bed with the foster parent.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure that the foster child is supervised at all times with other children and house pets.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. The waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
36	Child Placing Agency	4/22/2021	Lookout Mountain Community Services TREK Program	Mark Wattenbarger	1875 Fant Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742	706-806-1205	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	6/9/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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37	Child Placing Agency	5/6/2021	Faithbridge Foster Care, Inc.	Kris Isom	4400 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 210, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022	678-690-7100	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	6/9/2021	1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. 2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor. 3. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. 4. The agency will ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. 5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file. 6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
38	Child Placing Agency	5/6/2021	Murphy Harpst Children's Center Specialized Foster Care	Agnetta Delancy	130 Grady Road, Rockmart, Georgia 30125	678-704-9291	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	6/9/2021	1. The staff must receive monthly supervision from the director. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member. 3. The staff must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency as well as training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The staff must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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39	Child Placing Agency	5/19/2021	Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministry, Inc.	Patricia Daniel	9250 Hutcheson Ferry Road, Palmetto, Georgia 30268	770-463-3800	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	6/9/2021	1. The staff must receive monthly supervision from the director. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member. 3. The staff must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency as well as training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The staff must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
40	Child Placing Agency	5/24/2021	Bethany Christian Services, Inc.	Callie Chappell	6645 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30328	706-395-7038	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	6/21/2021	1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files. 2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file. 3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. 4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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41	Child Caring Institution	6/11/2021	Foundation Group Home, Inc.	Steven Edmerson	827 Tallapoosa Street, Bremen, Georgia 30110	770-537-0700	290-2-5-.08(3)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states the director shall possess either a bachelor's degree or a business degree from an accredited college or university in the area of social science, social work, childhood education, business or public administration or a related field plus four years of work experience in the field of childcare.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive quarterly supervision from the Board of Directors. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities which must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. The staff member must obtain at least 32-hours of annual training which includes leadership and development training. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by the Board of Directors that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The facility must maintain a qualified human service professional at all times. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.
42	Child Placing Agency	6/22/2021	National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	Dr. Terri Jenkins	315 West Ponce de Leon, Suite 661, Decatur, Georgia 30030	706-724-4387	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file and the foster children's files. 2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These plans shall be maintained in each foster child's file. 3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. 4. All updates and any changes in the family home must be documented in an amended home study report and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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43	Child Placing Agency	5/25/2021	Faithbridge Foster Care, Inc.	Kris Isom	4400 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 210, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022	678-690-7118	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	6/21/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address each child's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in the foster children's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
44	Child Placing Agency	5/28/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Katherine Mays	1949 Highway 81 South, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-317-0294	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	6/21/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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45	Child Placing Agency	6/15/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Kayla Merritt	1949 Highway 81 South, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-778-5789	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from their supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in their personnel file.</p> <p>2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member.</p> <p>3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
46	Child Placing Agency	6/17/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Katherine Mays	1949 Highway 81 South, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-317-0294	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate. These visits must be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and the child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address the child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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47	Child Caring Institution	6/20/2021	Changing Lives Learning Center, LLC	Sophia Jordan	313 Henderson Street, Sandersville, Georgia 31082	478-290-5296	290-2-5-.08(6)(c)2	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that any childcare worker shall be at least 21 years of age and possess a high school diploma or a general education diploma.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from the director and/or the human service professional that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member must receive an annual employee performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member's job duties are limited to the role of a child care worker.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the facility demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
48	Child Placing Agency	6/25/2021	Christian City, Inc.	Michaela Guthrie	7501 Lester Road, Union City, Georgia 30291	770-336-6566	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	7/12/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed.</p> <p>4. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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49	Child Placing Agency	6/29/2021	Christian City, Inc.	Tierra Harp	7501 Lester Road, Union City, Georgia 30291	770-336-6567	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(IV)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states no child over one year of age shall sleep in a room with an adult.	Approved	No	8/2/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in the foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will ensure that the foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and does not sleep in the bed with the foster parent.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure that all foster children's bedrooms are equipped with a monitoring system such as a baby monitor which allows for 24 hours of supervision, especially during overnight hours.</p> <p>5. The waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
50	Child Placing Agency	7/12/2021	Goshen Valley Foundation, Inc. D/B/A Goshen Homes	Gabby Brumfield	505 Brown Industrial Parkway, Suite 200, Canton, Georgia 30114	770-345-9535	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	8/2/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate. These visits must be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and the child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address the child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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51	Child Caring Institution	7/16/2021	North Georgia Angel House, Inc.	Susan Worsley	2260 Sam Nelson Road, Canton, Georgia 30114	678-704-9291	290-2-5-.05(8) **Effective January 1, 2021, this rule was renumbered to 290-2-5-.05(6) as a result of amendments to the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states no licensed child caring institution shall provide room, board and watchful oversight to more than sixteen (16) children on its premises.	Approved	No	8/2/2021	1. The facility shall be limited to a capacity of twenty-one (21) residents at one time. 2. The facility must maintain the staff to client ratio that's indicated per their Office of Provider Management placement contract. 3. The facility must maintain a qualified human service professional for every sixteen (16) residents in care. 4. The facility must ensure that all staff members working directly with residents have been appropriately oriented and trained regarding the type of residents served by the program. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the institution maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.
52	Child Caring Institution	7/16/2021	Murphy Harpst Children's Center Specialized Foster Care	Agnetta Delancy	740 Fletcher Street, Cedartown, Georgia 30125	678-704-9291	290-2-5-.05(6)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states institutions with a valid child caring license issued on or before December 21, 2019, that includes authorization to place children in private foster homes where foster parents live, shall be required to obtain a child placing agency license no later than June 30, 2021.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	1. The facility must comply with the licensing process and meet all deadlines established by the application specialist. 2. The facility must report all complaints and incidents to the Residential Child Care Licensing Intake unit within the required timeframes. 3. The facility must ensure that they are operating in compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies. 4. The facility must obtain their Child Placing Agency license by September 15, 2021.

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53	Child Placing Agency	7/21/2021	Christian City, Inc.	Tierra Harp	7501 Lester Road, Union City, Georgia 30291	770-336-6567	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(IV)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states no child over one year of age shall sleep in a room with an adult.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep. Foster children are not allowed to share a bed with the foster parent.</p> <p>4. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster parent's bedroom to allow for privacy and the child must get dressed in the bathroom or alone in the bedroom.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
54	Child Caring Institution	7/23/2021	The Methodist Home for Children and Youth	Robin Trantham	304 Pierce Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31204	478-751-2816	290-2-5-.08(6)(b)1	The facility requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the human service professional shall possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or a related field and either have two years of experience in the field of childcare or be supervised by another human service professional with a master's degree in one of the required disciplines.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. The supervision must include a review of the assessments and service plans developed and written by the staff member.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served in the facility. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor and documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the institution maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>

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55	Child Caring Institution	7/27/2021	Liberty County Children's Home, Inc. D/B/A Gabriel's House Ranch	James Osteen Jr.	6145 East Oglethorpe Highway, Midway, Georgia 31320	912-884-4545	290-2-5-.09(2)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that a child under the age of six shall not be admitted to a child caring institution unless that child is a part of a sibling group with at least one of the siblings being six years of age or older and will reside at the institution.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	<p>1. The facility will only admit residents under the age of six who are part of a sibling group. A separate waiver application must be submitted prior to the placement of any child under the age of six who is not a part of a sibling group.</p> <p>2. The facility must maintain a homelike environment for residents in care and develop service plans that address their educational, medical, social and developmental needs.</p> <p>3. The facility will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three years of age to share a bedroom. They must ensure that residents of different sexes are provided an individual crib or bed to sleep.</p> <p>4. The facility must provide a living environment that is safe and appropriate for children under the age of six and ensure that appropriate supervision is maintained at all times.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>
56	Child Caring Institution	7/27/2021	Liberty County Children's Home, Inc. D/B/A Gabriel's House Ranch	James Osteen Jr.	6145 East Oglethorpe Highway, Midway, Georgia 31320	912-884-4545	290-2-5-.18(2)(a)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states boys and girls shall sleep in separate sleeping areas.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	<p>1. The facility will only admit residents under the age of six who are part of a sibling group. A separate waiver application must be submitted prior to the placement of any child under the age of six who is not a part of a sibling group.</p> <p>2. The facility must maintain a homelike environment for residents in care and develop service plans that address their educational, medical, social and developmental needs.</p> <p>3. The facility will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom. They must ensure that residents of different sexes are provided an individual crib or bed to sleep.</p> <p>4. The facility must provide a living environment that is safe and appropriate for children under the age of six and ensure that appropriate supervision is maintained at all times.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.</p>

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57	Child Placing Agency	7/30/2021	Health Connect of America, Inc.	Nicole Aldred	100 Glendalough Court, Suite E, Tyrone, Georgia 30290	678-858-5653	290-9-2-.03(4), (5), 6(c), (7), 9(a,b,c,e)	The agency requested a renewal for the waiver to operate as a for-profit agency.	Approved	No	8/23/2021	<p>1. The agency must annually provide evidence that they remain registered to do business in the State of Georgia with an identified agent for service and that the agency is in good standing with Georgia's Secretary of State office.</p> <p>2. The agency must not expand its scope of services as a Child Placing Agency beyond arranging foster care placements. The agency will not provide adoption services.</p> <p>3. The agency leadership staff must meet quarterly to review and act upon all operational reports and evaluations of the agency. The agency must maintain a copy of these minutes and make them available to the licensing staff upon request.</p> <p>4. The governing body shall meet at least annually to review and act upon all operational reports and evaluations of the Georgia program. A copy of these meeting notes shall be available to licensing staff upon request.</p> <p>5. The agency will provide a copy of its annual financial audit report completed by a Certified Public Accountant to the licensing staff upon request.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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58	Child Placing Agency	8/9/2021	Nightlight Christian Adoptions, Inc.	Lexie Fowler	2340 Prince Avenue, Suite B, Athens, Georgia 30606	706-750-9119	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	8/24/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure each child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster children's bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure the foster children's bedroom is equipped with a monitoring system such as a baby monitor to ensure 24-hours of supervision during overnight hours.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
59	Maternity Home	8/10/2021	Edify Teens Ministries, Inc. D/B/A Edify Teen Life Center	Ruth Napoleon	39 Emmett Freeman Road, Senoia, Georgia 30276	770-685-5657	290-2-29-.16(5)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states a resident shall not remain in the home for more than eight weeks after delivery once the mother has been medically discharged.	Approved	No	9/13/2021	<p>1. The facility must complete an updated assessment for each resident and her child. The assessment shall document any issues or concerns as it relates to the resident's developmental, social and emotional needs. The assessment shall also address the resident's educational and vocational skills, daily living skills and daycare needs, and discharge plans.</p> <p>2. The facility shall document a 15-day Individual Service Plan for each resident.</p> <p>3. The facility shall submit a change request form and the second chance home policies and procedures to the Residential Child Care Licensing Applications unit by September 30, 2021.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the facility maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Maternity Homes.</p>

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60	Child Caring Institution	8/11/2021	Broken Shackle Ranch, Inc.	Lindsey Mae Cobb	1542 Francis Bridge Road, Davisboro, Georgia 31018	478-331-6555	290-2-5-.08(6)(b)1	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that the human service professional shall possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or a related field and either have two years of experience in the field of childcare or be supervised by another human service professional with a master's degree in one of the required disciplines.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. The supervision must include a review of the assessments and service plans developed and written by the staff member. 2. The staff member must obtain 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served in the facility. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor and documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the institution maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.
61	Child Placing Agency	8/12/2021	Care 4 All Children Services, Inc.	Carla Simms	1174 McKendree Church Road, Suite 100, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043	678-719-9677	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states the casework supervisor shall have the minimum qualifications of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	9/13/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member. 3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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62	Child Placing Agency	8/18/2021	Goshen Valley Foundation, Inc. D/B/A Goshen Homes	Gabby Brumfield	505 Brown Industrial Parkway, Suite 200, Canton, Georgia 30114	770-435-9535	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	9/13/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the child's placement in this home is appropriate. These visits must be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and the child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address the child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>3. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
63	Child Placing Agency	8/18/2021	Goshen Valley Foundation, Inc. D/B/A Goshen Homes	Gabby Brumfield	505 Brown Industrial Parkway, Suite 200, Canton, Georgia 30114	770-435-9535	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	9/13/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed.</p> <p>4. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. These must be documented and maintained in the foster child's file.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
64	Maternity Home	8/19/2021	Families First, Inc. - Second Chance Home	Erika Green	2625 Jerome Road, College Park, Georgia 30349	678-598-4433	290-2-29-.21(4)(f)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states each resident shall have adequate closet and drawer space for personal possessions in the room assigned.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<p>1. The facility staff must assess the resident's belongings and determine their storage needs.</p> <p>2. The facility will utilize closet space and provide storage bins for each mother and her child based on the needs assessment.</p> <p>3. This waiver is contingent upon the home maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Maternity Homes.</p>

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65	Child Placing Agency	8/25/2021	ENA, Inc. D/B/A NECCO	Kristian Harper	120 North Oak Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601	229-415-7957	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. 2. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor. 3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep in and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. 4. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The agency shall develop specific goals and objectives to assist the child in transitioning to sleeping in a separate room from his/her older sibling. 5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file. 6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
66	Child Placing Agency	8/26/2021	National Mentor Healthcare, LLC D/B/A Georgia Mentor - Columbus	Joshua Salter	233 12th Street, Suite 521, Columbus, Georgia 31901	706-992-6263	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from their supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in their personnel file. 2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member. 3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.

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67	Child Placing Agency	8/30/2021	ENA, Inc. D/B/A NECCO	Kaylene Kimsey	120 North Oak Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601	229-603-1644	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will not allow children of different sexes over the age of three to share a bedroom.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
68	Child Placing Agency	9/13/2021	Bridge Builders Family and Children Services, Inc.	Bianca Gouch	433 Cherry Street, Suite 18, Macon, Georgia 31201	478-960-7104	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states the casework supervisor shall have the minimum qualifications of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from his/her supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member.</p> <p>3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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69	Child Placing Agency	9/15/2021	Community Connections, Inc.	Karen Jackson	2300 West Park Place Boulevard, Suite 114, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087	770-465-9644	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep. The agency will ensure that a partition or a room divider is added to the bedroom to allow for privacy. Each child must get dressed in the bathroom or alone in the bedroom.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
70	Child Placing Agency	9/18/2021	Families 4 Families, Inc.	Allison Williams	3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-895-4776	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. During the monthly visits, the agency must ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed for the foster parents. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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71	Child Placing Agency	9/9/2021	Murphy Harpst Children's Center Specialized Foster Care	Agnetta Delancy	130 Grady Road, Rockmart, Georgia 30125	678-704-9291	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. During the monthly visits, the agency must check in with the foster parents to determine what support systems are needed as it relates to caring for a large group of children. The agency should ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed to minimize burnout of the foster parents. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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72	Child Placing Agency	9/9/2021	Murphy Harpst Children's Center Specialized Foster Care	Agnetta Delancy	130 Grady Road, Rockmart, Georgia 30125	678-704-9291	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. During the monthly visits, the agency must check in with the foster parents to determine what support systems are needed as it relates to caring for a large group of children. The agency should ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed to minimize burnout of the foster parents. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
73	Child Placing Agency	8/30/2021	Health Connect of America, Inc. - Dallas	Crystal Porter	168 North Johnson Street, Dallas, Georgia 30132	470-308-6150	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(IV)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states no child over one year of age shall sleep in a room with an adult.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an individual bed or crib to sleep. Children are not allowed to share a bed with the foster parent.</p> <p>4. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster parent's bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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74	Child Placing Agency	8/30/2021	National Mentor Healthcare, LLC D/B/A Georgia Mentor - Augusta	Tracy L. Bush	2828 Hillcreek Drive, Augusta, Georgia 30909	706-868-5268	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits shall be documented and maintained in both the foster parent's file and each foster child's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address the children's emotional, family, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. This plan shall be maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. During the monthly visits, the agency must check in with the foster parents to determine what support systems are needed. The agency must document and maintain this information in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes in the family's home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
75	Child Placing Agency	8/31/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Katherine Mays	1949 Highway 81 South, Suite 300, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-317-0294	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	9/29/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure that each child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. During the monthly visits, the agency must check in with the foster parent to determine what support systems are needed as it relates to caring for a large group of children. The agency should ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed to minimize burnout by the foster parent. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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76	Child Placing Agency	9/9/2021	Goshen Valley Foundation, Inc. D/B/A Goshen Homes	Gabby Brumfield	505 Brown Industrial Parkway, Suite 200, Canton, Georgia 30114	770-345-9535	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	10/8/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure that each child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. During the monthly visits, the agency must check in with the foster parent to determine what support systems are needed as it relates to caring for a large group of children. The agency should ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed to minimize burnout by the foster parent. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
77	Child Placing Agency	10/19/2021	National Mentor Healthcare, LLC D/B/A Georgia Mentor - Macon	Crystal Smith	120-B Osigian Boulevard, Suite 100, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088	478-333-2971	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	11/19/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from their supervisor. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities that shall be documented and maintained in their personnel file.</p> <p>2. All home study evaluations and service plans completed by the staff member must be reviewed and signed off by a master's level staff member.</p> <p>3. The staff member must complete at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of children served by the agency which includes training on writing home study evaluations and service plans. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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78	Child Placing Agency	10/26/2021	Abiding Love Adoption Agency, Inc.	Carrie Murray Nellis	1700 Frederica Road, Suite 305, Saint Simons Island, Georgia 31522	912-596-8778	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	11/19/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive quarterly supervision from the Board of Directors that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 2. The staff member must obtain at least 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the facility. This training shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member shall receive an annual performance evaluation completed by the Board of Directors that shall be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.
79	Child Caring Institution	11/2/2021	The Center for Children & Young Adults, Inc.	Steven Yarish	2221 Austell Road, Marietta, Georgia 30008	770-485-1661	290-2-5-.08 (6)(b)(1)	The facility requested a waiver for the rule which states that the human service professional shall possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or a related field and either have two years of experience in the field of childcare or be supervised by another human service professional with a master's degree in one of the required disciplines.	Approved	No	11/19/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member that must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. The supervision must include a review of the assessments and service plans developed and written by the staff member. 2. The staff member must obtain 32-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served in the facility. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 3. The staff member must receive an annual performance evaluation completed by his/her supervisor and documented and maintained in his/her personnel file. 4. This waiver is contingent upon the institution maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Caring Institutions.

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80	Child Placing Agency	11/8/2021	ENA, Inc. D/B/A NECCO	Lacey Stokes	120 North Oak Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601	229-415-7957	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that the foster family provides 24-hour oversight and supervision during naptime and overnight hours by ensuring the family installs some type of monitoring system such as a baby monitor.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep. The agency will ensure that a partition or a room divider is added to the bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
81	Child Placing Agency	11/15/2021	Chris 180, Inc. D/B/A Chris 180 - Adoption Services	Erica Kaufman	1017 Fayetteville Road, Suite B, Atlanta, Georgia 30316	404-564-4728	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)6(v)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states that a screening for venereal disease for prospective foster parents and children 16 years of age and older living in a prospective foster home shall be completed.	Approved	No	11/19/2021	There are no imposed conditions for this waiver.

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82	Child Placing Agency	11/18/2021	Uniting Hope 4 Children, Inc.	Allie London	1949 Highway 81 South, Loganville, Georgia 30052	678-585-4686	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster children's bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure the foster children's bedroom is equipped with a monitoring system such as a baby monitor to ensure 24-hours of supervision during overnight hours.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>
83	Child Placing Agency	11/18/2021	Creative Community Services, Inc.	Charon Mathews	1650 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 445, Norcross, Georgia 30093	770-469-6226	290-9-2-.04(9)(a)	The agency requested a waiver renewal for the rule which states that the casework supervisor shall have the minimum of a master's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology, childhood education, education counseling and psychology or other human service or behavioral science field.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The staff member must receive monthly supervision from a master's level staff member. This supervision must include an evaluation of his/her job duties and responsibilities and must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>2. The staff member must obtain 24-hours of annual training related to the type of residents served by the agency. This training must be documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>3. The agency must document an annual performance evaluation for the staff member, completed by his/her supervisor, that is documented and maintained in his/her personnel file.</p> <p>4. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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84	Child Placing Agency	11/29/2021	Families 4 Families, Inc.	Allison Williams	3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500, Loganville, Georgia 30052	770-895-4776	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure that each child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in the home. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. During the monthly visits, the agency should ensure that respite care and other supports are available as needed for the foster parents. This information must be documented and maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>4. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>5. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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85	Child Placing Agency	11/30/2021	ENA, Inc. D/B/A NECCO	Sarah Carey	120 North Oak Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601	229-415-7957	290-9-2-.07(5)(a)(9)(ii)(V)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states children over three years of age of different sexes do not share a bedroom.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct monthly foster home visits to ensure the children's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in care.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop service plans to address each child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency must ensure that the each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster children's bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure the foster children's bedroom is equipped with a monitoring system such as a baby monitor to ensure 24-hours of supervision during overnight hours.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the family's home shall be documented in an amended home study evaluation and a copy shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency maintaining substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>

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86	Child Placing Agency	12/2/2021	Nightlight Christian Adoptions, Inc.	Lexie Fowler	2340 Prince Avenue, Suite B, Athens, Georgia 30606	706-750-9119	290-9-2-.07(2)	The agency requested a waiver for the rule which states there shall be no more than six children under the age of 19 that may reside in a foster home.	Approved	No	12/17/2021	<p>1. The agency must conduct bi-monthly foster home visits to ensure each child's placement in this home is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the health and safety of any of the children in the home. These visits must be documented and maintained in each foster child's file and the foster parent's file.</p> <p>2. The agency must develop a service plan to address each foster child's emotional, educational, medical, social and developmental needs. The service plan meetings must be completed per the agency's policies and procedures and documented and maintained in each foster child's file.</p> <p>3. The agency will ensure that each foster child has an appropriate bed to sleep and that children of the opposite sex do not share a bed. The agency will ensure that a partition or room divider is added to the foster children's bedroom to allow for privacy.</p> <p>4. The agency must ensure the foster children's bedroom is equipped with a monitoring system such as a baby monitor to ensure 24-hours of supervision during overnight hours.</p> <p>5. All updates and any changes to the foster home must be documented in an amended home study evaluation report and a copy of the report shall be maintained in the foster parent's file.</p> <p>6. This waiver is contingent upon the agency demonstrating substantial compliance with the rules and regulations governing Child Placing Agencies.</p>



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