

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE

The proposed 18 NYCRR 444.1 would establish a host family home program.

The proposed 18 NYCRR 444.2 provides for relevant definitions of terms such as “parent”, “child”, “host family home agency”, and “host family home”.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.3 would establish a prohibition against discrimination or harassment of children or their parents by the host family home agency on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or disability.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.4 would address the responsibility of the host family home agency to provide information to the parent regarding host family homes, services and resources to meet the needs of the family.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.5 would address the execution of the designation of person in parental relation and the host family home agency’s responsibility in reviewing the document with the parent and engagement of youth 14 years of age or older regarding initial care and any subsequent extensions.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.6 would address the prohibition against any abuse or maltreatment of a child cared for in a host family home and the reporting obligations of staff of the host family home agency where there is reasonable cause to suspect abuse or maltreatment of a child in a host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.7 would address the privacy rights of children cared for in a host family home in relation to mail and telephone access and use.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.8 would establish limitations on the forms and conditions for the discipline of children cared for in a host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.9 would address requirements on the administration of a host family home agency in relation to policies, manuals and background checks of staff.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.10 would address the Office of Children and Family Services’ (OCFS) oversight and monitoring of the host family home program.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.11 would address the duties and responsibilities of an approved host family home agency in relation to the process for the recruitment and approval of host family homes.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.12 would address the conditions for approval of a host family home agency by OCFS.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.13 would address the duties and responsibilities of an approved host family home in relation to the care of children cared for in such home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.14 would address the responsibility of the host family home agency to provide specified information on the child and the child's family to the host family home when a child is cared for in the host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.15 would address the standards and criteria for the home study of applicants for approval by a host family home agency as a host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.16 would establish health and safety standards required for the approval of a host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.17 would address the supervision of responsibilities of the host family home agency in regard to children cared for in an approved host family home.

The proposed addition of 18 NYCRR 444.18 would address the process for the nonrenewal or revocation of the approval of a host family home by the host family home agency.

The proposed amendment of 18 NYCRR 444.19 would address exceptions that may be permissible upon approval of OCFS.