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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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CHAPTER NUMBER: 110 CMR 7.00

CHAPTER TITLE: Services

AGENCY: Department of Children and Families

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: *State the general requirements and purposes of this regulation.*

110 CMR 7.00 governs the provision of services by DCF, inclusive of 110 CMR 7.100 which sets forth the standards for individuals to obtain licensure to provide foster care for children in the care and custody of DCF.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: M.G.L. c. 18B, §§3(b)(7), 7(i); c. 119, §37

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Compliance with M.G.L. c. 30A

EMERGENCY ADOPTION - *If this regulation is adopted as an emergency, state the nature of the emergency.*

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PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL - *If prior notification to and/or approval of the Governor, Legislature or others was required, list each notification, and/or approval and date, including notice to the Local Government Advisory Commission.*

Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Approved December 8, 2025

Executive Office of Administration and Finance, Approved December 9, 2025

Local Government Advisory Commission, Notified December 12, 2025

PUBLIC REVIEW - *M.G.L. c. 30A sections 2 and/or 3 requires notice of the hearing or comment period, including a small business impact statement, be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, published in appropriate newspapers, and sent to persons to whom specific notice must be given at least 21 days prior to such hearing or comment period.*

Date of public hearing or comment period: n/a emergency regulation

For the first and second year: none

For the first five years: none

No fiscal effect: none

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT - M.G.L. c. 30A section 5 requires each agency to file an amended small business impact statement with the Secretary of the Commonwealth prior to the adoption of a proposed regulation. If the purpose of this regulation is to set rates for the state, this section does not apply.

Date amended small business impact statement was filed: n/a

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Foster Parents

PROMULGATION - State the action taken by this regulation and its effect on existing provisions of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) or repeal, replace or amend. List by CMR number:

Amends 110 CMR 7.104(1)(d) removing "sexual orientation and gender identity" and replacing with "individual identity and needs."

ATTESTATION - The regulation described herein and attached hereto is a true copy of the regulation adopted by this agency. **ATTEST:**

SIGNATURE: Curt Ted **DATE:** December 12, 2025

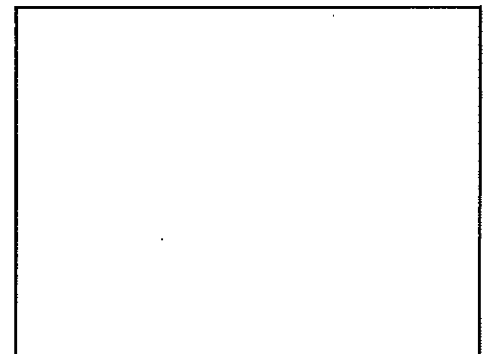
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Emergency Adoption:

Recently, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), DCF's federal regulator, told DCF that, in its view, the current version of 110 CMR 7.104(1)(d) violates the constitutional rights of applicants. DCF is promulgating this amendment on an emergency basis in order to preempt any potential escalation by ACF. These amendments address ACF's concerns, while continuing to meet DCF's need for foster homes that support the identity and needs of the children in its custody.