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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Services Delivered by the Department of Children and Family Services
- 2) Code Citation: 89 Ill. Adm. Code 302
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Action:</u>
302.20	Amendment
302.40	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: The Children and Family Services Act [20 ILCS 505]; the Adoption Act [750 ILCS 50], and Public Act 96-1513.
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: These changes implement Public Act 97-1076 concerning contact between siblings who are placed apart (foster care and post permanency).

Sections affected:

- **Rule 302.20** - Definition of “sibling” is broadened to comply with legislation. Definitions that have been quoted verbatim from statute have been updated.
- **Rule 302.40** – Emphasizes the affirmative responsibility of direct service staff to make ongoing efforts to place siblings together, and to encourage and assist children in building and maintaining relationships with their siblings, regardless of where the sibling resides (e.g., home of parent, adoptive home, ILO/TLP, etc.) or whether the sibling is in substitute care (e.g., adult or emancipated sibling, etc.). Amendments also require training for DCFS and POS placement and permanency staff regarding the importance of maintaining sibling relationships/attachments.

- 6) Published studies and reports, and sources of underlying data used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will these proposed rules replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Do these proposed amendments contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any proposed amendments to this Part pending? No

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- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: These rules do not create or expand a State mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)].
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking:

Comments on this proposed rulemaking may be submitted in writing for a period of 45 days following publication of this notice. Comments should be submitted to:

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The Department will consider fully all written comments on this proposed rulemaking submitted during the 45-day comment period. Comments submitted by small businesses should be identified as such.

- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These Department has determined that the proposed amendments do not affect small businesses.
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2014

The full text of the Proposed Amendments begins on the next page.