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**NOTICE TO LICENSED CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES**

**Adopted Amendments to Day Care Licensing Rules**

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The rules for licensed child welfare agencies have been recently amended.

The specific language of these amendments in **Part 401, Licensing Standards for Child Welfare Agencies** can be accessed by going to the Department's website at:

[http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/policy/pr\\_policy\\_rules.shtml](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/policy/pr_policy_rules.shtml)

The following is a summary of the adopted changes:

- 1) Ten clock hours of required training for prospective adoptive parents seeking an international adoption has been added. Although this 10 hour requirement is the current practice and is included in **Procedures 401.520, Adoptive Parents Training**, it was never in rule. This addition to the rule complies with federal law [22 CFR 96.48];
- 2) A recommendation by the Office of the Inspector General was added requiring verification of employee's work history prior to employment by a CWA. **CFS 508-1, Information on Person Employed in a Child Care Facility** was amended to reflect this change. Procudre is being amended.
- 3) For clarity and consistency, a requirement was added that a CWA shall report to the Department within 30 days when an agreement is made with an independent adoption contractor.