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Interpretation

Applicable To: Licensed Child Welfare Agencies, Licensed Foster Family Homes

Policy Citation: 402.2 – “Specialized care” means care provided to a child who has developmental, emotional, behavioral, or medical needs and who has been determined to require specialized care. The need for specialized care shall be redetermined once every six months.

402.15(a)(2) – When determining how many children a foster family home may accept for care, the maximum number of children shall be reduced as described in Appendix C when the foster, adopted, or biological children have developmental, emotional, behavioral, or medical needs that require specialized care.

402, Appendix C – When three or four children in the foster family home require specialized care, the placement must be approved by the manager of clinical services and the licensing supervisor.

Question: When approval of the manager of clinical services and the licensing supervisor is required under Appendix C, does this mean the DCFS Regional Clinical Manager and the DCFS Licensing Supervisor?

Discussion: Licensing staff have asked whether the supervising agency licensing supervisor and the supervising agency clinical services manager can provide the approvals required under Appendix C.

The intent of the rule is to provide extra oversight by DCFS when a decision is made to place three or more children requiring specialized care in a foster family

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home. Therefore, the DCFS Regional Clinical Manager (or designee) and the DCFS Licensing Supervisor approvals are necessary.

Response: When three or more children requiring specialized care are in the foster family home, approvals required in accordance with Appendix C must be secured from the DCFS Regional Clinical Manager (or designee) and the DCFS Licensing Supervisor.