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## **NOTICE**

Re: Child Residential Rules  
Date: **July 1, 2005**

With regard to the effective date of the residential treatment rules, the Rules Review Commission did not take action on the rules at the 06/16/05 meeting due to a request being made to the Commission prior to the meeting to have the Office of State Budget and Management make a determination if the rules have a substantial economic impact. In addition, we understand that the Rules Review Commission received more than ten letters opposing the rules, which could further delay the process. DHHS firmly believes that the new rules are necessary to better safeguard the health and safety of children served in these facilities; however it appears that the Administrative Rules process will now make it impossible to implement the new rules effective July 1, 2005. We continue to explore our options in order to implement the rules at the earliest possible date. We strongly recommend that all interested parties continue to closely monitor the DMHDDSAS, DFS, and DMA websites for additional information as it comes available.

