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Effective January 1, 2009, the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is revoking Executive Directive 2007-02 “Repeal of the Ban on Homosexuals as Foster Parents”.

As provided by Initiated Act 1 of 2008, a minor may not be adopted or placed in a foster home if the individual seeking to adopt or to serve as a foster parent is cohabitating with a sexual partner outside of a marriage which is valid under the constitution and laws of this state. This applies equally to cohabitating opposite-sex and same-sex individuals.

In accordance with established promulgated rules, there can be no roomers or boarders in the home. Family members are not considered roomers or boarders. All family members residing in the household, that are required to have background checks, must have Central Registry and Criminal background checks. An assessment must be conducted on each family member’s impact on the child and the child’s impact on the family member.

THIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE IS EFFECTIVE January 1, 2009.

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