

**Executive Directive 04.21.20:
Physical Exams for Resource Parent Re-evaluations During Public Health Emergency**

TO: DCFS All

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The Division of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) policy regarding physical exams requires that all resource parents complete an annual physical exam following the approval of their resource home. During the current public health emergency caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19, the requirement for resource parent physical exams as a part of the resource home annual re-evaluation is waived. Resource parents will be expected to submit documentation of a physical exam at the time of their subsequent annual re-evaluation that occurs after the conclusion of this public health emergency.

While operating under this Executive Directive, DCFS still has the responsibility to assess to the best of its ability whether or not the resource parents continue to be physically, mentally, and emotionally able to care for children placed in their home based on other interactions with the resource family or other information.