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## PURPOSE

To explicitly prohibit the provision of child care by families providing foster care, kinship care or respite care for the division or a licensed child placing agency.

## POLICY

### Child Care by Foster Families

The following families may not provide child care in their homes:

- licensed foster families;
- families licensed to provide kinship care or approved for respite care.

### Care of Children in Custody by Child Care Providers

Persons providing child care may not provide:

- foster care or kinship care for a child in custody except up to forty-five days for a child for whom they are already providing child care;
- respite care for a child in custody except for a child for whom they are already providing child care.

### Applications for Exemptions

The Commissioner may grant an exemption only in unusual or extreme circumstances in which:

- the best interests of a particular child strongly warrant the exemption; and,
- the family can provide care of children in foster care and child care without undue risks to either.

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The request for exemption must provide specific information that will assist in judging whether or not an exemption is justified based on the criteria above. The district director will review and sign all requests for exemption. Applications for exemptions should be sent to the Residential Licensing Unit, whose staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioner.

**Restrictions on Families Granted Exemptions**

Families granted exemptions may not accept emergency placements nor provide foster care for sexually abusive children under any circumstances.