

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Department of Child Services intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds [465 IAC 4-1](#) regarding the federal-state adoption assistance program (AAP) and related state funded adoption subsidy program (SAS). Adds [465 IAC 4-2](#) regarding the federal-state kinship guardianship assistance program (GAP) and related state funded guardianship assistance program (SGAP). Establishes assistance eligibility requirements for the child beneficiary, adoptive parents, and legal guardians. Describes program benefits, including nonrecurring expenses of adoption or establishment of the guardianship, periodic payments, health insurance coverage, and availability of supporting services to the child and family. Provides procedure for determination of periodic payment amounts within applicable limits. Defines funding priorities for the adoption assistance account established by statute. Requires periodic status reports to the department during the term of the assistance agreement, and notice to the department of certain reportable events. Describes circumstances and procedures for suspension of periodic payments and termination of agreements before the child beneficiary becomes 18 years of age. Provides for continuation of periodic payments for a youth over 18 years of age under defined conditions. Provides for continuation of payments to successor guardians named in the assistance agreement. Makes technical amendments to eliminate or update some provisions of the current rules relating to the interstate compact on adoption and medical assistance ([465 IAC 2-4](#)), and current assisted guardianships that were funded through the state TANF block grant before July, 2012 ([465 IAC 2-8](#)). Repeals provisions of [465 IAC 2-7](#) relating to adoption assistance that are superseded by [465 IAC 4-1](#). Comments and questions may be addressed to the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule. Statutory authority: [IC 31-25-2-18](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 4-4-35-8](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 4-4-35-8](#), specifically [IC 4-4-35-8\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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