

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



EMERGENCY REGULATIONS PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

**7 AAC 54.600 ADOPTION OF CHILDREN SUBJECT TO THE INDIAN
CHILD WELFARE ACT**

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PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT
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COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: June 15, 2015

Please see public notice for details about how to comment on
these proposed changes.

EMERGENCY REGULATION

Register _____, _____ 2015 Department of Health and Social Services.

7 AAC 54 is amended to add a new section:

7 AAC 54.600. Adoption of Children subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act. For Indian children who are in the custody of the state where the department's permanency goal for the child is adoption, the department will consider the following to constitute a proxy for a formal petition for adoption:

- (1) The request of a relative, tribal member or other Indian family interested in immediate placement and adoption of a child at any court hearing in the Child in Need of Aid matter; or
- (2) The request of a relative, tribal member or other Indian family interested in immediate placement and adoption of a child, conveyed to the department by phone, mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person; or
- (3) The request by the child's Tribe or tribe in which the child is eligible for enrollment to the department on behalf of a relative or tribal member who the Tribe has confirmed is requesting immediate placement and adoption of a child.

(Eff. am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 47.05.065 AS 47.10.080 AS 47.10.088
AS 47.14.010