



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-6.2

Summary

Adoption of NEW RULES 1 through 7 and repeal of ARM 37.52.201, 37.52.204, 37.52.205, 37.52.206, 37.52.210, 37.52.214, and 37.52.220 pertaining to adoption assistance

Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information

On October 24, 2025, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 2025-6.1 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed adoption and repeal of the above-stated rules in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 20.

A hearing was held on November 14, 2025.

Final Rulemaking Action – Effective January 24, 2026

ADOPT AS PROPOSED

The agency has adopted the following rules as proposed:

NEW RULE 1 (37.52.202) DEFINITIONS

NEW RULE 2 (37.52.203) ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT REQUIRED

NEW RULE 3 (37.52.207) RENEGOTIATION

NEW RULE 4 (37.52.208) TERMINATION OF THE ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

NEW RULE 5 (37.52.209) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**NEW RULE 6 (37.52.211) DETERMINATION REVIEW BY CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION
ADMINISTRATOR AND FAIR HEARING REQUESTS**

NEW RULE 7 (37.52.212) SUSPENSION OF ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

REPEAL

The agency has repealed the following rules as proposed:

37.52.201 PURPOSE

37.52.204 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

37.52.205 APPLICATION OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE FAMILY

37.52.206 AMOUNT AND DETERMINATION OF SUBSIDY

37.52.210 REVIEW OF SUBSIDY PAYMENT

37.52.214 POST PLACEMENT

37.52.220 OTHER AGENCIES

Statement of Reasons

No comments were received.

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