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October 5, 2015

The Honorable Scott Simon, Chairman  
House Committee on Health and Welfare  
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Guardianship Subsidy Program" that was promulgated and published on page 1501 of the August 2015 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, August 10, 2015.

The proposed rule will update terminology, types of available payments, and eligibility criteria for the foster care and guardianship subsidy programs. It will amend the option of Subsidized Guardianship and establish Successor Guardianship as a permanency option, therefore promoting the establishment of permanent families for children within relative foster care placements where adoption is not an alternative. The department considers this action necessary to fulfill Title IV-E State Plan requirements from the United States Children's Bureau.

DCFS held a public hearing on September 25, 2015 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the November issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective December 1, 2015.

Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable David Heitmeier, Chairman  
Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station  
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Dear Senator Heitmeier:

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The Honorable John Alario  
President of the Senate  
Louisiana State Senate  
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