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Docket No. FCS-272

Notice Date: October 30, 2009

**SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
RULES CHAPTER 290-2-27**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to comments received from the public, the Board of Human Services has authorized the re-opening of the public hearing on proposed changes to Rules Chapter 290-2-27 entitled "SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN." The Board is considering formally adopting the proposed changes in lieu of the current Rules of the same numbers and titles. A copy of the proposed changes, *as now revised*, is attached. A synopsis of the proposed changes from the current Rules Chapter is also enclosed. An electronic version of the Rules text may be found on the agency's web site at

<http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHS->

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Questions concerning these changes should be directed to Bobby Cagle, Director, Legislative and External Affairs, at telephone number (404) 463-3580.

Written comments and other written materials regarding the rules should be sent to Brenda King Woodard, Administrative Hearing Officer, at the above mailing address or by e-mail to bkwoodard@dhr.state.ga.us. Please include the words "Special Needs Rule" as the subject of the email.

The Department solicits your comments, data or argument for or against this action. Your comments may be made in writing by mail or other delivery to the undersigned Hearing Officer within thirty (30) days of the above notice date, or orally at a public hearing starting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, in the DHR Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 29-250 Atlanta, Georgia. **Please be assured that comments made by either method will be given equal consideration. Comments submitted in response to previous hearing notices, including oral comments at public hearings, will automatically be included in the hearing record and need not be re-submitted.**

All comments received will be summarized in a report to the Board which will consider final adoption of these proposed Rules at its regular meeting starting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, in the Board Room, 29th Floor, Suite 29-250, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia.

If due to a disability you need this notice in an alternate format or if you plan to offer oral comment and will need auxiliary aids or services, please call the undersigned Hearing Officer as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days before the above oral comment date.

This Notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-13-4 and 49-5-8(a)(7)(G).

Brenda King Woodard
Administrative Hearing Officer
Tel. (404) 656-4421 (Procedural questions only)