

**IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**16.06.01 – CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2601**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment and input prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 16-1601, 16-1629, 16-1623, 16-2001, 16-2102, 16-2406, 16-2423, and 39-1209 through 1211, 39-7501, 56-202(b), 56-204A, 56-204B, 56-803, 56-1003, 56-1004, 56-1004A, 56-1007 and 16-1622(5), Idaho Code.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** A negotiated rulemaking meeting will be held as follows:

<b>Thursday, July 16, 2026 1:30 p.m. (MT)</b>
<b>Join using the meeting link</b> <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/284012568044587?p=xAxtcg1VH8rpTRdxq">https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/284012568044587?p=xAxtcg1VH8rpTRdxq</a> <b>Meeting ID: 284 012 568 044 587</b> <b>Passcode: r98RS2VE</b>
<b>Dial in by phone</b> <b>1 972-454-4077 United States, Dallas</b> <b>Boise 1-208-609-5034</b> <b>Phone conference ID: 124 505 233#</b>

The meeting site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

**METHOD OF PARTICIPATION:** Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do any of the following:

- Attend the negotiated rulemaking meeting and participate in the negotiation process; or
- Provide oral or written recommendations, or both, at the negotiated rulemaking meeting; and/or
- Submit written recommendations and comments to [DHWRules@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:DHWRules@dhw.idaho.gov).

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

It is necessary to update IDAPA 16.06.01 to align with statute due to legislation passed during the 2026 legislative session. The rulemaking will update sections affected by enacted legislation such as the age of eligible young adults to access extended foster care, visitation between parents and children placed in foster care, the usage of death benefits for children in foster care and general non-substantive language cleanup.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES:** For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a

preliminary draft copy of the rule text (if available), contact Estela Cabrera at [DHWRules@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:DHWRules@dhw.idaho.gov) or (208) 334-5500. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the agency website: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/about-dhw/rules-policies-procedures-and-waivers>.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 22, 2026.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2026.

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