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February 3, 2015

The Honorable Scott Simon, Chairman
House Committee on Health and Welfare
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station
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DCFS held a public hearing on January 27, 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 March issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective April 1, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sammy Guillory".

Sammy Guillory
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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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President of the Senate
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