



**State of Florida
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TO: Regional Managing Directors
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THROUGH: Patricia Babcock, Deputy Secretary *PB*

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SUBJECT: Chapter 65C-41, F.A.C., Extended Foster Care, has been adopted and obsoletes CFOP 170-17, Chapter 7, Extended Federally Funded Foster Care

PURPOSE: This memorandum is to advise that Chapter 7, Extended Federally Funded Foster Care, to CFOP 170-17, Services for Transitioning Youth and Young Adults, has been obsoleted by the adoption of Chapter 65C-41, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

BACKGROUND: Florida's vision of "continuing care" for young adults became law effective January 1, 2014, pursuant to section 39.6251, Florida Statutes. In November of 2015, the rules regarding the Extended Foster Care (EFC) program were promulgated. On December 15, 2018 CFOP 170-17, Chapter 7, was issued to provide additional guidance for youth transitioning into EFC, management of program eligibility, readmission of young adults into the program, and entering relevant data entry in preparation for Florida's plan to administer a Title IV-E funded program.

Chapter 65C-41, F.A.C., titled Extended Foster Care, has been adopted and became effective on February 7, 2019; this rule supersedes CFOP 170-17, Chapter 7. The rule can be viewed in its entirety at: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=65C-41>.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please share this memorandum with child welfare professionals, independent living specialists, and other service providers working with older youth under the protective supervision of the department, as appropriate.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Brandie McCabe, Independent Living Specialist, at 850-717-4673 or via email at Brandie.McCabe@MyFLFamilies.com.

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