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Subchapter 2@ General Requirements

35017 Requirements for Photo-Listing Children Who Have

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Adoption

(a)

As a means of recruiting prospective adoptive families and promoting permanency outcomes, the Department, county adoption agency, or licensed adoption agency shall register with the photo-listing service of the Department each child who has been freed for adoption and whose case plan goal is adoption.

(b)

In order to register the child, the Department, county adoption agency, or licensed adoption agency shall submit the following to the photo-listing service of the Department: (1) Two recent color photographs of the child which are:(A) head-to-chest close-ups; (B) no smaller than 3 1/2 inches by 3 1/3 inches in dimension; (C) taken no more than six months prior to registration. (2) A description of each child being registered. (A) The description shall be typewritten in the "Description of Child" section on the AD 909. (B) The completed "Description of Child" section on the AD 909 shall be no less than four concise paragraphs which contain, but are not limited to, the following: 1. Include in the first paragraph: a. the child's birth month and year; b. the child's religious preference: if no preference, indicate "NONE"; c. whether the child is a member of a sibling group; d. the child's ethnicity: if a child is of a mixed background, identify

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Licensed adoption agencies shall send a recent photograph and description of each child to the photo-listing service within 15 working days of the time the child is legally freed for adoption. (1) The 15-working-day time period shall commence on the first working day following the date on which the AD 4333 is signed by the Department. (2) When an appeal has been filed challenging the initial court decision of termination of parental rights, the child shall not be photo-listed during the appeal process. (A) After appeal, the child shall be registered with the photo-listing service within 15 working days after the court's final order of termination of parental rights. 1. Registration shall conform to Sections 35017(a)

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When adoption is the case plan goal for a child, the agency may photo-list that child prior to the child's becoming legally freed for adoption.(1) Consent to register the child shall be obtained by the agency from the birth parent(s), legal guardian, or the court.(A) Once consent has been obtained, the child shall be registered within 15 working days.

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The Department, county adoption agency, or licensed adoption agencies shall defer a child's registration when the child's foster parent(s) or other identified persons have expressed interest in adopting the child and are meeting the adoption agency's requests for required documentation as specified at Section 35195(a) and are cooperating in the completion of a home study pursuant to Section 35189(a).

(f)

Registration shall be deferred no longer than six months from the date the child was legally freed unless documentation is included in the case file which substantiates the need for further deferral resulting from delays not within the control of the prospective adoptive parents.

(g)

A child who is 12 years of age, or older, and does not consent to be adopted, shall be deferred from the photo-listing service. (1) If a child 12 years of age, or older, consents to his or her adoption, subsequent to an initial decision not to consent to his or her adoption, the agency shall register the child within 15 working days following the child's consent.

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The photo-listing service of the Department shall list the child in the photo-listing

book within 30 working days following receipt of the items enumerated in Sections 35017(b) and (c).