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Via E-Mail Only

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RE: N.C. Department of Social Services
Periodic Review of Existing Rules-10A NCAC 70I & K
Request for Extension of Time
26 NCAC 05 .0204

Dear Mr. Dunklin,

I am writing to you pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0204 to request an extension of time within which to file the Periodic Review of Existing Rules Review Report for the submission to the Rules Review Commission for the Division of Social Services.

The Division of Social Services is hereby requesting an extension of time from the Commission in reference to **26 NCAC 05-0204 item (a) (3) changes of composition to the agency or its staff that resulted in a delay of the review.**

The Division of Social Services failed to provide information timely that would allow for the publishing of existing "Rules" 60 days prior to submission to NC OAH Rules Review Commission that is due August 2015.

The Division of Social Services has experienced a high number of vacancies over a significant time period particularly in the management and administrative support positions in the Child Welfare Regulatory and Licensing Services that were responsible for conducting the periodic rules review resulting in the delay of the report. In addition the review required the coordination of existing rules regulated by the Division of Health Services and Regulation.



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The Periodic Review of Existing Rules of 10A NCAC 70I & K Report has been presented to the Social Services Commission on June 10, 2015 and July 8th, 2015. The Social Services Commission has approved the initial review of the rules and are now in the process of being published. We are requesting an extension to have the periodic review completed and submitted to OAH by December 15, 2015.

The Division of Social Services is presently hiring for the vacant positions to increase resources to address the delays of reports to the Commission and avoid future delays. We appreciate the Commission consideration of these factors in the granting of an extension of time on the Periodic Review of Existing Rules Report of 10A NCAC 70I & K.

The Social Services Commission and the Division of Social Services regrets any inconvenience that the delay may have caused, we sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Potts", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Larry Potts
Chairman, Social Services Commission