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Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Out-of-County Placements (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending one rule and revising one form to conform to recent statutory changes regarding (1) the circumstances that allow waiving the requirement for notice of the child welfare agency's intent to place a child out of county and (2) the time frame for notice of, and objection to, the agency's intent to move a foster child to a different county if that child is transitioning from a temporary placement facility.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2020:

1. Amend rule 5.614 to ensure it conforms to the new statutory requirements;
2. Amend rule 5.614(b) by adding a cross-reference to new Welfare and Institutions Code section 361.2(h)(2)(A);
3. Amend rule 5.614(d) with the correct reference to Welfare and Institutions Code section 224.3 and amend rule 5.614(f) to add a paragraph requiring that notice of the hearing comply with that section;
4. Amend rule 5.614(e) to delete the time frame for written notice specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 361.2(h) and replace it with a cross-reference to that section;
5. Amend the title of rule 5.614 to read "Out-of-county placements";
6. Amend the title of chapter 7 (in division 3 of title 5 of the rules) to read "Intercounty Transfers; Out-of-County Placements; Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children"; and
7. Revise Notice of Intent to Place Child Out of County (form JV-555) to indicate in the instructions the new time frames for notice and objection if the child is transitioning from a temporary placement facility.