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Title

Rules and Forms | Miscellaneous Technical Changes to CARE Act Rule and Adoption, CARE Act, and Sheriff Service Forms (Action Required)

Summary

Judicial Council staff have identified errors in one rule of court and nine Judicial Council forms resulting from typographical mistakes, changes resulting from legislation, and previous rule amendments and form revisions. Judicial Council staff recommend making the necessary corrections to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rule 7.2221 to add headings to subdivisions (a)-(c);
2. Revise *How to Adopt a Child in California* (form ADOPT-050-INFO) to replace “child, if over 12” with “child, if 12 or older” on pages 2, 3, and 4 and to replace “over the age of 12” with “12 or older” on page 6, to change the wording of one sentence and the formatting of one citation, and to make other minor typographical corrections;
3. Revise *Declaration Confirming Parentage in Stepparent Adoption* (form ADOPT-205) to replace references to form ADOPT-200 with references to form ADOPT-203 because that form is now required to petition for stepparent adoption;
4. Revise *Declaration Confirming Parentage in Stepparent Adoption: Gestational Surrogacy* (form ADOPT-206) to replace references to form ADOPT-200 with references to form ADOPT-203 because that form is now required to petition for stepparent adoption;
5. Revise *Order for CARE Act Report* (form CARE-105) to remove specific reference to form CARE-100 in item 1 because that form is no longer the only petition option;
6. Revise *Notice of Order for CARE Act Report* (form CARE-106) to remove specific reference to form CARE-100 in item 4(b) because that form is no longer the only petition option;
7. Revise *Proof of Personal Service of Notice of Order for CARE Act Report* (form CARE-107) to remove specific reference to form CARE-100 in item 3 because that form is no longer the only petition option;
8. Revise *Notice of Initial Appearance--CARE Act Proceedings* (form CARE-110) to remove specific reference to form CARE-100 in item 5(a) because that form is no longer the only petition option;
9. Revise *Proof of Personal Service of Notice of Initial Appearance--CARE Act Proceedings* (form CARE-111) to remove specific reference to form CARE-100 in item 3 because that form is no longer the only petition option; and
10. Revise *Request for Sheriff to Serve Court Papers* (SER-001) to specify that a party asking for service by the sheriff can turn in their papers in person or submit them electronically.