

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OF THE
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the adoption of New) NOTICE OF ADOPTION,
Rule I, the amendment of ARM) AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL
37.80.101, 37.80.102, 37.80.201,)
37.80.202, 37.80.205, 37.80.206, and)
37.80.301, and the repeal of ARM)
37.80.305 and 37.80.306 pertaining)
to child care assistance provided)
through the Best Beginnings Child)
Care Scholarship (BCCS) Program)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On August 5, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 37-762 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed adoption, amendment, and repeal of the above-stated rules at page 1359 of the 2016 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 15.

2. The department has adopted New Rule I (37.95.103), as proposed. The department has amended and repealed the above-stated rules as proposed.

3. The department has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT #1: The department received a comment regarding the manual changes incorporated by reference in ARM 37.80.101. The commenter points out some inconsistent use of the term "graduated phase-out" for "graduated eligibility," conflicting information about the applicable Federal Poverty Level percentage for graduated eligibility, and a cross-reference error.

RESPONSE #1: The department agrees with the commenter and will correct these typographical errors in the manual.

4. These rule amendments are effective September 30, 2016.

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Certified to the Secretary of State September 12, 2016.