

## **UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

Crisis Nurseries (CN) are defined as facilities, licensed by the Department, which provide short-term, 24-hour nonmedical residential care and supervision for children under six years of age, who are either voluntarily placed for temporary care by a parent or legal guardian due to a family crisis or a stressful situation, for no more than 30 days or, who are temporarily placed by a county child welfare services agency for no more than 14 days.

Senate Bill (SB) 1214 (Chapter 519, Statutes of 2010) amends Health and Safety Code section 1516 by incorporating additional language to the definition of “voluntary placement.” The new language excludes the voluntary placement of children in CN whom have been removed from the care and custody of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and placed in foster care by a child welfare services agency. CN are now only able to accept voluntary placements from parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Additionally, SB 1214 ultimately extends the sunset date for CN from July 1, 2011 to January 1, 2014, with certain statutory changes occurring on July 1, 2012.

The proposed regulations clarify the type of clients CN are allowed to provide care and supervision for, as well as preserve the licensed category until January 1, 2014 to allow families in crisis to utilize its services.

These regulations were considered at the public hearing held on July 13, 2011 in Sacramento, California. No oral or written testimony was received. CDSS did not renote these regulations because no changes requiring renote were made to the regulations following the public hearing.