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Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON NOTICE: SUBMISSIONS FOR OMB REVIEW; CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION PROJECT (August 09, 2024)

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submits the following comments for your consideration regarding the Child Abuse and Neglect Background Checks for Child Care and Early Education Project:

CDSS, Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) proposes the inclusion of the following questions into the survey.

1. How do states determine if staff/applicants have lived in another state within the past 5 years?
 - a. Is there an attestation kept on file?
2. How do states proceed when other states do not respond or refuse to release child abuse and neglect information?
3. What do states do if another state will only send the information to the affected individual and that individual is not cooperating?

CCLD believes the collection of this information is crucial to help California develop approaches to achieve full compliance with the CCDF background check requirements.

For additional questions, please contact Brenda Barner at Brenda.barner@dss.ca.gov or Pallavi Shimoda at Pallavi.shimoda@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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