

## **Regulation No. 5**

### **Central State Compact Office**

Regulation No. 5, ("Central State Compact Office"), as first effective April 20, 1982, amended as of April 1999 and April 2002, is amended to read as follows:

1. It shall be the responsibility of each state party to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children to establish a procedure by which all Compact referrals from and to the state shall be made through a central state compact office. For those states that have decentralized specific activities regarding Compact referrals from the central state compact office to a county, local office, or designated agency, the county, local office, or designated agency shall have the same authority and responsibility with respect to those specific activities regarding Compact referrals as if it were the central state compact office. The Compact office shall also be a resource for inquiries into requirements for placements into the state for children who come under the purview of this Compact.

2. The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children deems certain appointments of officers who are general coordinators of activities under the Compact in the party states to have been made by the executive heads of states in each instance wherein such an appointment is made by a state official who has authority delegated by the executive head of the state to make such an appointment. Delegated authority to make the appointments described above in this paragraph will be sufficient if it is either: specifically described in the applicable state's documents that establish or control the appointment or employment of the state's officers or employees; a responsibility of the official who has the delegated authority that is customary and accepted in the applicable state; or consistent with the personnel policies or practices of the applicable state. Any general coordinator of activities under the Compact who is or was appointed in compliance with this paragraph is deemed to be appointed by the executive head of the applicable jurisdiction regardless of whether the appointment preceded or followed the adoption of this paragraph. No person within an agency so designated by the appropriate authority in a state to make recommendations for or against placement of a child, as evidenced by signing Form 100A, shall also conduct the home study upon which such recommendation is made.

3. Words and phrases used in this regulation have the same meaning as in the Compact, unless the context clearly requires another meaning.

4. This regulation was amended pursuant to Article VII of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children by action of the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children at its annual meeting May 4 through 7, 2012; such amendment was approved on May 5, 2012 and is effective as of July 1, 2012.