**Section 401.150 Acceptance of Accreditation** **through Deemed Status**

a) When a child welfare agency is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services, Inc. (Council on Accreditation), 120 Wall Street, 11th Floor, New York~~,~~ NY 10005 (2001 Standards) and there have been no substantiated licensing violations that affect the health, safety, morals, or welfare of children served by that agency for the last four years, that child welfare agency is deemed to be in compliance with the program requirements of this Part.

b) The Department shall verify in writing with the Council on Accreditation that the agency's accreditation continues to be in good standing and shall conduct annual monitoring visits to verify the continued compliance of the child welfare agency with the requirements of this Part.

c) If a licensing complaint is substantiated against an accredited child welfare agency, the Department licensing worker shall notify in writing the Council on Accreditation of the substantiated violations. The child welfare agency shall receive a copy of this notice.

d) If a substantiated licensing violation may affect the health, safety, morals, or welfare of the children served by the child welfare program, the agency shall be removed from "deemed status" and a full license study shall be conducted as part of the license renewal process.

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