

**BEFORE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Request for an Extension for Creating Administrative Rules Governing Abandoned Infants Approved Locations)))))))	<u>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</u> September 4, 2019
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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Jonathan Alm and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to request an extension to create administrative rules governing abandoned infants approved locations, as required by section 1 of 2019 House Bill No. 1285. Generally, rules for legislation with an August effective date should be adopted and filed with the legislative council within nine months of the effective date of the statutory change.

To adopt rules as required under section 1 of 2019 House Bill No. 1285, the Department has involved the Director of Emergency Management and the Department of Health to assist in establishing approved locations and the Department is conducting research into all 50 states to determine other potential approved locations. The Department is currently considering community health centers, law enforcement locations, "911" emergency response locations, and long-term care facilities as potential approved locations. The Department is and will be working with the proposed locations to ensure that the proposed locations are willing and able to serve as an approved location and additional time is needed to finalize the rules. If the extension is granted, the Department intends the rules to be in effect on October 1, 2020.

I would be happy to try and answer any questions that you may have.
Thank you.

Prepared by:
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