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**§ 47.05.310. Criminal history; criminal history check; compliance**

(a) If an individual has been charged with, convicted of, found not guilty by reason of insanity for, or adjudicated as a delinquent for, a crime that is inconsistent with the standards for licensure or certification established by the department by regulation, that individual may not own an entity, or be an officer, director, partner, member, or principal of the business organization that owns an entity. In addition, an entity may not

- (1) allow that individual to operate the entity;
- (2) hire or retain that individual at the entity as an employee, independent contractor, or unsupervised volunteer of the entity;
- (3) allow that individual to reside in the entity if not a recipient of services; or
- (4) allow that individual to be present in the entity if the individual would have regular contact with individuals who receive services from the entity, unless that individual is a family member of or visitor of an individual who receives services from the entity.

(b) The department may not issue or renew a license or a certification for an entity that is in violation of (a) of this section or that would be in violation based on the information received as part of the application process.

(c) The department may not issue or renew a license or certification for an entity if an individual is applying for a license, license renewal, certification, or certification renewal for the entity and that

- (1) individual has been found by a court or agency of this or another jurisdiction to have neglected, abused, or exploited a child or vulnerable adult under AS 47.10, AS 47.24, or AS 47.62 or a substantially similar provision in another jurisdiction, or to have committed medical assistance fraud under AS 47.05.210 or a substantially similar provision in another jurisdiction; or

- (2) individual's name appears on the centralized registry established under AS 47.05.330 or a similar registry of this state or another jurisdiction.

(d) An entity shall provide to the department a release of information authorization for a criminal history check for an individual who is not a recipient of services from the entity and, after the entity has been issued a license, license renewal, certification, or certification renewal by the department,

- (1) who intends to become an owner of the entity, or an officer, director, partner, member, or principal of the business organization that owns the entity;
- (2) whom the entity intends to hire or retain as the operator of the entity's business;
- (3) whom the entity intends to hire or retain as an employee, independent contractor, or unsupervised volunteer of the entity; or

(4) who will be present in the entity or at the places of operation of entity, and would have regular contact with individuals who receive services from the entity, but who is not a family member or visitor of an individual who receives services from the entity.

(e) An individual for whom a release of information authorization has been provided to the department shall submit the individual's fingerprints to the department, with the fee established under AS 12.62.160, for a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and for submission by the Department of Public Safety to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The Department of Public Safety shall provide the report of criminal justice information and the results of the national criminal history record check to the department for its use in considering an application for a license, license renewal, certification, or certification renewal, or in considering other approval or selection regarding an entity, for compliance with the standards established in this section. For purposes of obtaining access to criminal justice information maintained by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62, the department is a criminal justice agency conducting a criminal justice activity. The department may waive the requirement for fingerprint submission if an individual is unable to provide fingerprints due to a medical or physical condition that is documented by a licensed physician.

(f) The provisions of this section do not apply if the department grants an exception from a requirement of (a)--(e) of this section under a regulation adopted by the department.

(g) The department shall adopt regulations listing those criminal offenses that are inconsistent with the standards for licensure or certification by the department.

(h) An individual service provider is subject to the provisions of (a)--(g) of this section as if the individual service provider were an entity subject to those provisions.

(i) For purposes of (b) and (c) of this section, in place of nonissuance or nonrenewal of a license or certification, an entity or individual service provider that is not required to be licensed or certified by the department or a person wishing to become an entity or individual service provider that is not required to be licensed or certified by the department is instead ineligible to receive a payment, in whole or in part, from the department to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons who are served by the programs administered by the department if the entity, individual service provider, or person

(1) is in violation of (a) of this section or would be in violation based on information received by the department as part of an application, approval, or selection process;

(2) has been found by a court or agency of this or another jurisdiction to have neglected, abused, or exploited a child or vulnerable adult under AS 47.10, AS 47.24, or AS 47.62 or a substantially similar provision in another jurisdiction, or to have committed medical assistance fraud under AS 47.05.210 or a substantially similar provision in another jurisdiction; or

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(3) appears on the centralized registry established under AS 47.05.330 or a similar registry of this state or another jurisdiction.