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MEMORANDUM

Supplement to Directive #06-12

To: Hon. Ariel A. Rodriguez
Assignment Judges
Family Presiding Judges

From: Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Date: August 23, 2012

Re: Family – Delayed Effective Date for Rule Amendments and Revised Forms Relating to Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Matters

Directive #06-12 (issued July 11, 2012) promulgated a revised set of Children in Court (CIC) Standards and revised forms and protocols and distributed the Court's June 26, 2012 amendments to Rules 2:4-1(a) and 5:12-4 relating to termination of parental rights (TPR) cases, particularly appeals in those cases. This Supplement to that Directive advises of a revised effective date for those rule amendments, certain of the forms and protocols, and one portion of the Directive itself.

It was determined that a modest amount of additional time (two months) was needed for all of the affected actors to implement the new standards, protocols, and policies. The Court thus by order dated August 20, 2012 (copy attached) changed the effective date of those amendments from September 4, 2012 (as set out in the June 26, 2012 order) to November 5, 2012.

The Court's August 20, 2012 order also changed the effective date of the following (all of which were promulgated by Directive #06-12) from September 4, 2012 to November 5, 2012: (a) the new Acknowledgment of Appeal Rights form (CN 11553), (b) the revised Advisory Notice to Parents and Counsel When Parental Rights Are Terminated (CN 10317), and (3) the Appellate Division's revised Administrative Protocol on Termination of Parental Rights Appeals. Additionally, the references in paragraph (d) of CIC Standard 16 to the September 4 effective date for the rule amendments and revised forms are changed to November 5, 2012. Other than these specific revisions, the remainder of Directive #06-12 and the revised CIC Standards are unchanged.

Questions about this memorandum may be addressed to Harry T. Cassidy, Assistant

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Attachment
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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Court by order dated June 26, 2012 adopted amendments to Rules 5:12-4 and 2:4-1(a), to be effective September 4, 2012, which set out procedures for termination of parental rights matters and appeals in such matters; and

WHEREAS, in support of the amendments to Rules 5:12-4 and 2:4-1(a), Administrative Directive #06-12, issued July 11, 2012, promulgated (a) a new Acknowledgment of Appeal Rights form (CN 11553), (b) a revised Advisory Notice to Parents and Counsel When Parental Rights Are Terminated (CN 10317), and (c) a revised Appellate Division Administrative Protocol for Termination of Parental Rights Appeals, all to be effective September 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that additional time is necessary to implement the aforementioned Rules of Court and documents;

IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, §2, ¶ 3, that the June 26, 2012 amendments to Rules 5:12-4 and 2:4-1(a) shall become effective November 5, 2012 rather than September 4, 2012; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that (a) new Acknowledgment of Appeal Rights form (CN 11553), (b) revised "Advisory Notice to Parents and Counsel When Parental Rights Are Terminated" (CN 10317), and (c) the revised Appellate Division Administrative Protocol for Termination of Parental Rights Appeals, which were promulgated by Directive #06-12, also will be effective November 5, 2012 rather than September 4, 2012.

For the Court,

Chief Justice

Dated: August 20, 2012