

Requirements to apply for continuous certification**Necessary documentation:**

1. Background checks as specified in rule 5101:2-5-09.1 of the Administrative Code.
2. A safety audit utilizing the JFS 01348 "Safety Audit" completed two years after the initial certification, and then within six months prior to recommending a foster home for continuous certification, documenting that the residence continues to meet all safety standards. Any deficiencies noted on the JFS 01348 will result in the completion of a rule violation report and a corrective action plan.
3. Documentation that the foster caregiver(s) has completed continuing training pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code, or has an applicable waiver for kin homes. If the foster caregiver has not completed continuing training, the agency may recommend continuous certification if the situation meets the specifications of the agency's good cause policy pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code.
4. The most recent well water test approved by the health department, if used for drinking and cooking.
5. At least one home visit and one interview with each member of the household (except foster children) based on his or her age and development currently residing in the home.
6. Immunizations for homes certified on or after June 1, 2020.
 - (a) All household members in a home caring for infants and children with special medical needs are to have an annual influenza vaccine consistent with the recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices (ACIP), unless the immunization is contrary to the individual's health as documented by a licensed health care professional or for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.
 - (b) All household members in a home caring for infants are to be up to date on the pertussis vaccine unless the immunization is contrary to the individual's health as documented by a licensed health care professional or for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.
 - (c) Copies of the immunization records are to be placed in the file of the home.

Requirements for periodic review

Appendix A 5101:2-5-24

The agency will complete the following as a periodic review:

1. Background checks as specified in rule 5101:2-5-09.1 of the Administrative Code.
2. Ensure the foster caregiver(s) has completed continuing training in the timeframe specified in rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code. If the foster caregiver has not completed continuing training, the agency may continue certification if the situation meets the specifications of the agency's good cause policy pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code.
3. A safety audit using the JFS 01348 is to be completed every four years after the initial certification.
4. Well water test approved by the health department every four years, if used for drinking and cooking.
5. Complete a JFS 01385 every four years from initial certification.