

Adoption Agency Rule Update (R501-7)

Division of Licensing and Background Checks (DLBC) Adoption Consortium
September 2026 Meeting

Purpose of Update

The DLBC Rulewriting Team is working to address significant updates to the Child Placing Adoption Agencies Rule (R501-7) under DLBC. The proposed update will focus on aligning the rule language with the Rulewriting Manual for Utah and clarifying requirements for licensed child placing adoption agencies to support more understanding of the licensing requirements for this type of provider regulated by DLBC. Additionally, the update will implement the updated statutory requirements from [House Bill 51](#) from the 2026 General Legislative Session.

Summary of Proposed Rule Updates

Due to the significant style and formatting updates, this rule update will be a repeal and readoption. This type of rule update is similar to a new rule update, instead of using rule text formatting of strikethroughs and brackets to delete text and underlining text to be added, all of the proposed rule language will be underlined. Below is a link to a summary of the proposed rule updates for each section of the rule: [📄 Licensed Adoption Agency Rule \(R501-7\) Updates DLBC Adoption Consortium](#)

Next Steps

After presenting a summary of the proposed rule updates, the DLBC Rulewriting team will send the draft rule document in late September 2026 to the consortium members to review and provide additional feedback. After this partner review, the DLBC Rulewriting team will submit the proposed rule update for internal approvals before publication in the Utah Rules Bulletin and final effective date, likely early 2027.

