



Healthcare Facility Regulation Division

Updated Rule Variance for Fingerprint Criminal Background Checks Chapter 111-8-12.05(1)(e)

Applicable to: Adult Day Centers
Assisted Living Communities
Caregiver Registry
Community Living Arrangement
Home Health Agencies
Hospices
Intermediate Care Homes
Nursing Homes
Personal Care Homes
Private Home Care Providers
SNF/DF Duly Certified
Temporary Staffing Services
Narcotic Treatment Program
DHC-OIG Contractors

Effective November 1, 2021. Effective March 3, 2022, the Department is modifying the previous variance which became effective October 1, 2020. The updated rule variance applies to Chapter 111-8-12-.05(1)(e) and is issued under the authority of the September 20, 2021, Executive Order issued by Governor Kemp and subsequent applicable Executive Orders.

Implementation Delay of Rule 111-8-12-.05(1)(e). The Department is delaying the effective date of Rule 111-8-12-.05(1)(e) from March 31, 2022, to **June 30, 2022.** Existing owners, administrators, onsite managers, directors, and direct access employees (who were in place prior to October 1, 2019) must submit a fingerprint record check application on or before **June 30, 2022.**

Please note that all facilities and providers listed herein are encouraged to submit a fingerprint record check application prior to the extended deadline date of June 30, 2022. All facilities may start the submissions of fingerprint record check application background checks immediately.

More information on this change will be posted on the Department's website: <https://dch.georgia.gov/>