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**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 December 21, 2022**, the Department is modifying the original rule which became effective October 1, 2019. This updated rule variance applies to Chapter 111-8-12.05(1)(e) and is issued under the authority of the February 18, 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 January 13, 2023, to **March 30, 2023**. Existing owners, administrators, on-site 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 **March 30, 2023**.

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 **March 30, 2023**. 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/>