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In the County Courts at Law of Hays County, Texas

STANDING ORDER REQUIRING A NEW AND CURRENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR TRANSFERRED GUARDIANSHIP

In all cases involving the transfer of a guardianship into the County Courts at Law of Hays County from another county or jurisdiction, the Courts require the filing of a new and current criminal background check for any proposed guardian of the person or estate, regardless of whether a background check was previously completed in the transferring court. The background check shall be obtained in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Estates Code and submitted to the Court within the time specified by order, and no guardianship shall be accepted, confirmed, or letters issued until compliance with this requirement is established. This Standing Order shall apply to all guardianship transfer proceedings filed on or after the effective date of this Order.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. **Purpose.**

The purpose of this requirement is to ensure the continued protection of the ward and to maintain compliance with statutory obligations under Texas law.

2. **Procedure.**

In any case in which a party requests the transfer of a guardianship into the jurisdiction of Hays County, Texas, all proposed guardians must submit to the Courts a new and current criminal background check and, if applicable, a registry check as required under Sections 1104.351 - .354 of the Texas Estates Code before the Court's consideration and acceptance of the transfer.

3. **Results.**

The Courts will not approve the issuance of any letters of guardianship, and the Courts will not finalize any transfer until the Court has received and reviewed results from the background checks and found those results to be satisfactory.

THIS HAYS COUNTY STANDING ORDER REQUIRING A NEW AND CURRENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR TRANSFERRED GUARDIANSHIP SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION ON THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE.

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