**24:05:30:13.  Time limit for and convenience of hearings.** The department shall ensure that not later than 45 calendar days after the expiration of the 30-day period under § 24:05:30:08.12 or adjusted time period described in § 24:05:30:08.14, a final decision is reached on the hearing and a copy of the decision is mailed to each of the parties. A hearing officer may grant specific extensions of time beyond the periods set out in this section at the request of either party. Each hearing must be conducted at a time and place which is reasonably convenient to the parents and child involved.

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