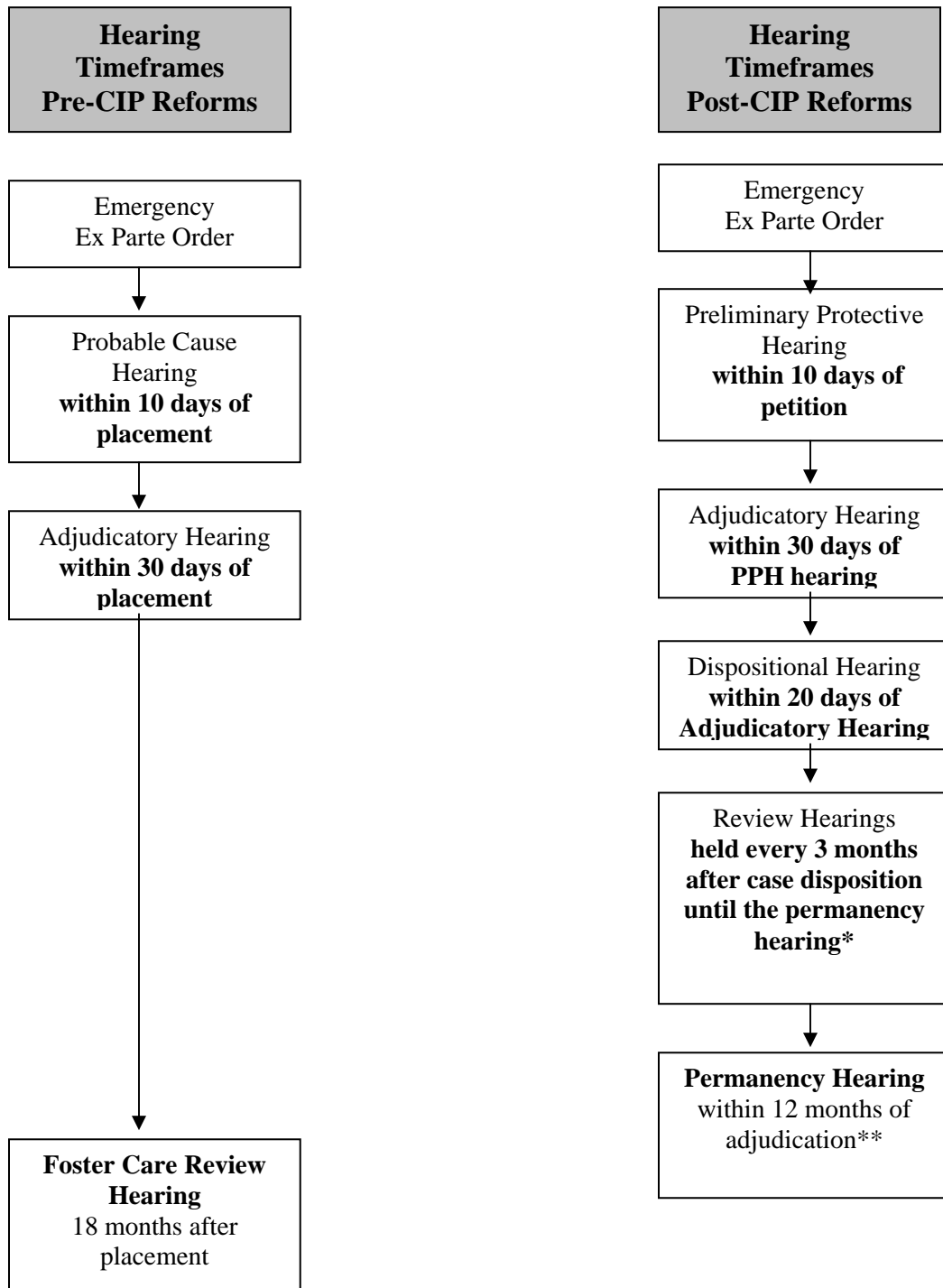


Delaware's Dependency & Foster Care Hearings



* The judge may continue to schedule additional hearings at his or her discretion.

** In addition to expanding the number of foster care hearings, the state has set guidelines for TPR hearings be held no more than 11 weeks after the TPR petition is filed. Prior to this, there was no set timeframe and reportedly, hearings were sometimes delayed for months or even years.