

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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## M E M O R A N D U M

**What's Inside:**  
Policy update for  
ICPC and  
ICAMA

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND  
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: POLICY UPDATE TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE  
PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) AND THE INTERSTATE  
COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
(ICAMA)

## DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the process to request an adoptive home study/placement through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). The procedure for initiating the Interstate compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) for adopted children or children in a legal guardianship who are residing in another state but have a Missouri negotiated subsidy agreement has also been clarified.

Changes have been made in policy to reflect the process of placing children who are in the legal custody of Missouri Children's Division in an adoptive placement in another state. The updated policy in [Section 4, Chapter 25.3](#) outlines the additional documentation that needs to be included in an ICPC referral packet as well as pre-placement activities once approval for placement is given by the ICPC office in the receiving state.

The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) is in place to allow children who have been adopted and are receiving an adoption subsidy to receive Medicaid services if the family moves across state lines. Policy has been updated to clarify the purpose of the three (3) ICAMA forms and how these forms are utilized. The ICAMA forms are available on the Children's Division E-Forms website. The responsibilities of the Missouri adoption subsidy worker are also more clearly outlined in [Section 4, Chapter 25.7.1](#) of the Child Welfare Manual.

The Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351) allows for children in a finalized, legal guardianship placement which has been stable for a minimum of six (6) months to qualify for Title IVE assistance through ICAMA. Policy now reflects this change. The procedure for initiating this when a child resides in another state, either through an approved ICPC placement that resulted in the

guardianship or through the family relocating – and who receives the Legal Guardianship subsidy, is the same as if it is a finalized adoption.

<p><b>NECESSARY ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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<p><b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b>  <a href="#">Section 4, Chapter 25.3.1 Making an ICPC Referral</a>  <a href="#">Section 4, Chapter 25.3.3 Compact Termination/ Placement Disruption or Closure</a>  <a href="#">Section 4, Chapter 25.7.1 Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA)</a></p>	
<p><b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>  <a href="#">ICAMA 6.01 Notice of Medicaid Eligibility/Case Activation</a>  <a href="#">ICAMA 6.03 Report of Change in Child/Family Status</a></p>	
<p><b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>  N/A</p>	
<p><b>RELATED STATUTE</b>  <a href="#">Public Law 110-351 (Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008)</a></p>	
<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b>  N/A</p>	
<p><b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b>  <a href="#">PA-AS 11: POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</a>  <a href="#">PA-GSM 8: SUPPORT SERVICES</a></p>	
<p><b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b>  CFSR instrument, P1, Item 8, Reunification, Guardianship or Permanent Placement  CFSR instrument, P1, Item 9, Adoption  CFSR instrument, WB1, Item 17A, Needs and Services to Child</p>	
<p><b>PROTECTIVE FACTORS</b>  Parental Resilience N/A  Social Connections N/A  Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development N/A  Concrete Support in Times of Need N/A  Social and Emotional Competence of Children N/A</p>	
<p><b>FACES REQUIREMENTS</b>  N/A</p>	