

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:

SAFE-CARE
Provider Physical
Abuse Exams

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS,
CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SAFE-CARE PROVIDER PHYSICAL ABUSE EXAMS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of recent changes in the laws and administrative rules pertaining to child physical abuse exams referred to or provided by SAFE-CARE providers.

Effective August 28, 2014, Section 334.950, RSMo., was revised to increase collaboration between medical providers and child abuse medical resource centers and provide an avenue for SAFE-CARE providers to receive payment from the Department of Public Safety for physical abuse exams and case reviews conducted in response to a report of child abuse neglect.

In response to the legislation, the Department of Public Safety promulgated emergency rules and developed a claim form for SAFE-CARE providers to submit for payment for their services. The statute, rules, and form can be found on the Department of Public Safety's website at <http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cpafe/>. It is important to understand that only SAFE-CARE providers may submit claims for payment for physical abuse exams under this program.

Staff utilizing SAFE-CARE providers for physical abuse exams or case reviews may be asked by the SAFE-CARE provider to complete the "Authorization for Forensic Examination by Requesting Agency" section of the form and possibly the "Consent for Forensic Examination" section if the child is in the custody of the Children's Division at the time of the examination. All other sections of the form are to be completed by the SAFE-CARE provider and/or the Department of Public Safety.

NECESSARY ACTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff. 2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to: 	
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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS	
N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS	
SAFE-CARE Provider Physical Abuse Exam Claim Form	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES	
SAFE-CARE Provider List	
RELATED STATUTE	
Section 334.950, RSMo.	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE	
Payments for Child Abuse Physical Abuse Exams Rules	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS	
N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)	
N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS	
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	
FACES REQUIREMENTS	
N/A	