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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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Terminology Related to
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY
PROXY

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff that revisions have been made to the Child Welfare Manual to include terminology used by medical and mental health professionals related to Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSBP). The following diagnostic terms have been added to the CWM:

- Factitious Disorder by Proxy (FDP) is the diagnostic term used by mental health licensed professionals based upon a mental health assessment of parents in conjunction with concerns of MSBP.
- Pediatric Condition Falsification (PCF) is the term used by non-mental health licensed professionals, such as physicians, in conjunction with concerns of MSBP.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:

[Section 7 Chapter 11 Munchausen Symptom By Proxy;](#)

Section 7 Acronym List ; and Section 7 Glossary
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A
RELATED STATUTE: N/A
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A
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