STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health and Family Services
Division of Children and Family Services

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Re: CAPTA: ASSESSING THE SAFETY OF DRUG-AFFECTED INFANTS

To: Area Administrators/Assistant Area Administrators
   Bureau Directors
   County Departments of Community Programs Directors
   County Departments of Developmental Disabilities Services Directors
   County Departments of Human Services Directors
   County Departments of Social Services Directors
   Licensing Chiefs/Section Chiefs
   Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators

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BACKGROUND

In June of 2003, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) was reauthorized by Congress. It contained several new requirements for child protective service (CPS) practice. One requirement is for “the development of a plan of safe care for the infant born and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms.”

The attached policy is an addition to the Child Protective Service Investigation Standards and describes the requirement to accept referrals of drug-affected infants and develop a safety plan if the child is unsafe. The policy is effective June 25, 2004.

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Attachment: Assessing the Safety of Drug-Affected Infants
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