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TO: BMCW and Private Partner Agency Staff

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RE: Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect involving Children in Out-of-Home Care by Registered Nurses

Attached is a new procedure, ***IA 25.01/OCM 17.00: Ongoing Case Management Registered Nurse response to suspected child maltreatment.***

This procedure outlines the process the registered nurses (RNs) employed by Ongoing Case Management programs use to identify and report suspected abuse and neglect involving children placed in out-of-home care. It also provides instruction on working with the Child Protection Center (CPC) or Child Advocacy to obtain medical triage and schedule medical follow-up.

Access social workers should note that the protocol asks the RNs to call Access back when additional information becomes available as to when and where the medical follow-up will occur and the results of the medical examination so that if the call is screened in, the assigned Initial Assessment social worker will have information on the current location of the child and the status of the medical examination.

Please review the procedure carefully and refer any questions to your supervisor. The procedure will be placed in the online BMCW Procedure Manual for future reference. (This is located on the shared drive in private agencies and on the DCF/BCMw work web for state employees.)

Attachment

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