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Re: Identifying and Securing Services for Medically Complex Children in Out-of-Home Care or

**In-Home Services** 

This memo highlights points of emphasis and considerations for the updated <u>Identifying and</u>
<u>Securing Services for Medically Complex Children in Out-of-Home Care or In-Home Services Policy.</u>

In this policy, we emphasize the importance and urgency in which any child hospitalization during child welfare involvement must be reported to the ABHP and/or DMCPS Health Unit.

- The ABHP <u>must</u> be notified by CWCM when a child identified as medically complex, medically fragile or technology dependent in out-of-home care is hospitalized for physical or behavioral health, and a consult must occur as soon as possible after the notification.
- ABHP will notify DMCPS Health Unit and Nursing Administrator of hospital admissions that are behavioral <u>and</u> physical health related.
- If the agency does not have an ABHP, the CWCM must notify DMCPS' Health Unit.

Nurse/ABHP involvement with infants and children with identified special medical, developmental and/or behavioral health needs will be measured and reviewed within the specified timeframe(s) for complex chronic and non-complex chronic conditions.

This policy also strengthens the nurse oversight of medically complex children served by DMCPS and our partner agencies.