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**TO:** W-2 Agency Directors

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**RE:** Chapter 49 Statutory Change: *Children's Services Network*

**PURPOSE:**

This memo provides information on a statutory change related to the requirement that a Wisconsin Works (W-2) agency establish a Children's Services Networks enacted during the 2013-2014 legislative session.

**STATUTORY CHANGE:**

2013 Wisconsin Act 225 repealed Wisconsin Statute s. 49.143(2)(b), which required a W-2 agency to establish a Children's Services Network. The following language has been repealed and is no longer a contractual requirement.

**49.143(2)(b):** *Establish a children's services network. The children's services network shall provide information about community resources available to the dependent children in a Wisconsin works group, including charitable food and clothing centers; subsidized and low-income housing; transportation subsidies; the state supplemental food program for women, infants and children under s. [253.06](#); and child care programs. In a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a children's services network shall, in addition, provide a forum for those persons who are interested in the delivery of child welfare services and other services to children and families in the geographical area under sub. [\(6\)](#) served by that children's services network to communicate with and make recommendations to the providers of those services in that geographical area with respect to the delivery of those services in that area.*

The effective date of 2013 Wisconsin Act 225 was April 10, 2014.

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