June 29, 2018

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Directors, Program Managers and Child Welfare Professionals

SUBJECT: MODIFIED MANUAL FEEDBACK

REQUIRED ACTION: X Time Sensitive

PURPOSE

This communication is the second of several you will receive in the coming weeks to gather feedback regarding the modified child welfare policy manual developed to accomplish Goal 1.1 of the NC Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

The purpose of this letter is to distribute a marked-up version of the In-Home Services policy including Cross Function Topics and a survey link to provide feedback regarding the In-Home Services policy.

BACKGROUND

On June 18, 2018, a Dear County Director Letter was released that described the process and the schedule to collect feedback on the modified manual. The process and schedule are restated below.

Process

1. Each county will receive a marked-up version of specific sections of the modified manual and a link to a survey to capture feedback.
   - The start and end dates for review and comment can be found in the table below.
   - Each county child welfare agency should submit one survey that reflects all feedback.
2. At the close of the survey period, DHHS will compile and review the comments. Decisions about modifications will be made after consideration of the feedback.
3. By July 30, 2018, the newly revised manual with modifications will be sent to each county director for review.
4. Review of the newly revised manual will occur with NCACDSS during the Joint-State County Relations on August 7, 2018, and at the Children’s Services Committee on August 8, 2018.
5. No later than August 10, 2018, the final version of the newly revised manual will be released to each county director.
6. Statewide implementation of the policies will occur September 1, 2018, to ensure compliance with North Carolina’s PIP.

Schedule

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**IN-HOME SERVICES FEEDBACK**

Attached to this letter, you will find a marked-up document with the In-Home Services sections of the modified manual. The following will assist in the review of this document:

- Page 1 of the document provides the definitions for Policy, Protocol, and Guidance. Within the manual, protocol which must be done is provided in the left column and guidance on the right provides information about how protocol should be accomplished.
- The red text within this document reflects changes to the modified manual identified by NCDHHS leadership during recent reviews of the manual in response to feedback from county child welfare agencies. The In-Home Services Table of Contents indicate in bold red text where these changes can be found in the document.

Use this link to a survey to provide feedback regarding In-Home Services policy: [https://www.ncsurveymax.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m4LKlpm1](https://www.ncsurveymax.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m4LKlpm1)

As stated in the table above, this survey regarding In-Home Services policy is to be completed and submitted by July 13, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the Child Welfare Policy Team at 919-527-6340 or your Children’s Program Representative.

Sincerely,

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Betty Kelly, Policy Team Program Administrator

Attachment: [Marked-up North Carolina Child Welfare Manual for Intake and Assessment policy](CWS-26-2018)