CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE:	February 29, 2008	
MANUAL:	Family Services Manual, Volume 1: Children's Services, Chapter V: Jurisdiction in Child welfare	
CHANGE NO:	01-2008	
TO:	County Directors of Social Services	
ATTENTION:	CPS Program Managers and Supervisors CPS Social Workers	
RE:	Section 1412 CPS In-Home Services Section 1418 Investigative Assessments in Child Care Facilities Section 1438 Medical Neglect of Disabled Infants with life threatening Conditions	
EFFECTIVE:	April 01, 2008	

I. BACKGROUND

The changes that are addressed in the attached sections of this notice bring those sections current with policy that has previously been approved by North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS).

As a result of the release of Chapter V. Jurisdiction in Child Welfare in September 2007, all sections of the manual have been affected. The attached sections reflect our efforts to ensure that the policy manual remains updated.

In addition to the changes resulting from Chapter V., the workgroup that has been discussing the CAPTA requirement regarding Early Intervention screening and referrals has concluded. The recommendations from this workgroup were recently approved for policy revision by NCACDSS and are now being incorporated into the relevant policy sections.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

A. Section 1412

Language throughout the section has been updated to be consistent with the renaming of Chapter V. from Cross County Issues to Jurisdiction in Child Welfare.

Section 1412, IV. now includes the instructions for screening and referring a child under the age of 3 to Early Intervention as required by CAPTA.

B. Section 1418

Language throughout the section has been updated to be consistent with the renaming of Chapter V. from Cross County Issues to Jurisdiction in Child Welfare.

Clarification has been added to Section 1418, III., D., when notifying the Division of Child Development (DCD) that a report has been received. As a part of Chapter V., a form (the DSS-5282) was developed to standardize the process of notifying DCD of a report being received and of the case decision and findings. A link to that form has been added.

C. Section 1438

The link to Chapter V. Jurisdiction in Child Welfare was updated to reflect the change in policy.

III. INSTRUCTIONS

Remove		Insert	
Section	Pages	Section	Pages
1412	All	1412	All
1418	All	1418	All
1438	All	1438	All

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, pelasse contact the Family Support and Child Welfare, CPS Policy Section at (919) 733-4622.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Section 1412 Section 1418 Section 1438

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