

**CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL
CHANGE NUMBER 01-2013**

DATE: MARCH 1, 2013

MANUAL: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES MANUAL - CHAPTER XI
INTERSTATE/INTERCOUNTRY SERVICES TO CHILDREN

TO: COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES | HUMAN SERVICES
AGENCIES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE STAFF

RE: AMENDMENTS TO INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF
CHILDREN (ICPC) REGULATIONS: II, III, IV, V, VII AND ADOPTION
OF REGULATION XII

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

I. BACKGROUND | CHANGE INTENT

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) amended Regulations II, III, and VII, to provide clarity and accountability in ensuring that placements made through ICPC are safe, timely, and expedited when appropriate. These amendments were incorporated into the ICPC and effective October 1, 2011. To promote better collaboration and increase accountability, The Association of Administrators amended Regulations IV and V. Regulation XII was adopted to provide guidance on processing Private and Independent Adoptions.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

- A. Regulation II allows a reconsideration of a denial of and requires a signed *Regulation II Case Manager Statement of Interest* (DSS-1841) found at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss/dss-1841-ia.pdf> to be included in all Regulation II requests.
- B. Regulation III has been amended to provide more definitions, including placement categories, applicability and exemptions under the Compact. This section also provides clarification of commonly used terms in ICPC.
- C. The amended Regulation IV clarifies the role of the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) monitoring the child while he/she is in the receiving state. The regulation also addresses the abandonment of children in the receiving state, the time frames for processing of PRTF requests, and establishes the documents necessary to make a referral.
- D. Regulation V clarifies the role of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children liaisons for those states that have decentralized some responsibilities for ICPC.
- E. Regulation VII was previously termed "Priority Placement" and was revised to utilize the term "Expedited Placement" decision. Regulation VII also requires a *Regulation VII Case Manager Statement of Interest* (DSS-1840) found at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss/dss-1840-ia.pdf> indicating the interest of the placement resource and that s/he is willing to cooperate in the ICPC process. *An Order of Compliance* (DSS- 1839) found at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss/dss-1839-ia.pdf> is now required to be included in all Regulation VII requests and must be signed by a judge.

- F. The *ICPC Checklist* (DSS-5255) found at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss/dss-5255-ia.pdf> has been revised to assist in providing guidance on developing an appropriate referral.
- G. Regulation XII is a new regulation added to provide guidance and requirements for the processing of Independent and Private Agency adoptions across state lines. The purpose of the regulation is to ensure protection and service to children and families involved in executing adoptions across state lines.

III. INSTRUCTIONS:

Training is available to assist County Departments of Social Services in meeting the requirements. Please refer to <http://www.ncswlearn.org> for more information on the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children training opportunities. The revisions to the policy manual will be distributed electronically only and are available online through the Division of Social Services' on-line manual located at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/manuals.aspx?dc=dss>.

OBSOLETE	USE
North Carolina Division of Social Services Family Services Manual: Volume 1 Chapter XI: Interstate/Inter-Country Services to Children (Change #7-2010 Effective December 2010)	North Carolina Division of Social Services Child Welfare Services Manual Chapter XI: Interstate/Inter-Country Services to Children (Change Number 01- 2013)
	ICPC Case Manager Statement of Interest Regulation 2 (DSS-1841)
	ICPC Case Manager Statement of Interest Regulation 7 (DSS-1840)
	ICPC Order of Compliance (DSS-1839)
	ICPC Revised Checklist (DSS- 5255)

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your agency's assigned ICPC consultant or Carla McNeill, the NC Deputy Compact Administrator, at 919-334-1105.

Sincerely,



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