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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

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TO: Commissioners of Social Services

SUBJECT: Transfer of Responsibility for Stage Two of the Child Care Review Service from the Department of Social Services to the Council on Children and Families

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SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Child Welfare Executive and Staff
 Child Placement Agencies
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this letter is to inform social service districts and authorized agencies of Chapter 350 of the Laws of 1982 which transfers responsibility for the implementation of Stage Two of the Child Care Review Service (CCRS) officially renamed the Children and Youth Interagency Management Information System (CYIMIS) from the Department of Social Services to the State Council on Children and Families.

II. BACKGROUND

Section 442 of the Social Services Law provides the statutory authority for the establishment and operation of CCRS by the State Department of Social Services. This statute divides the implementation of CCRS into two stages: stage one, which included all children under the age of 21 for whom an authorized

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| Previous INFs/ADMs | Dept. Regs. | Social Services Law and Other Legal References | Bulletin/Chapter Reference | Miscellaneous References |
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agency is providing foster care; and stage two, in which the system is to be expanded to include children for whom an application for foster care in an authorized agency is pending, or for whom the Department of Mental Hygiene, Division for Youth or the State Education Department is providing full time care away from home, or for whom an application for such care is pending. Under Section 442 the Department of Social Services was authorized to carry out stage one and stage two. Redesign and full implementation of stage one is now almost complete.

Chapter 350 amends Section 442 to transfer responsibility for stage two of CCRS from the State Department of Social Services to the Council on Children and Families (Council) and renames CCRS stage two as the Children and Youth Interagency Management Information System (CYIMIS). CYIMIS will provide a statewide management information system for all children in residential care, including children in the care of the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Division for Youth, the State Department of Education, as well as the State Department of Social Services. CCRS will continue to be operated by the Department of Social Services, and it will be limited to children under the age of 21 for whom an authorized agency is providing foster care and to children for whom an application to an authorized agency for foster care is pending.

Chapter 350 directs the Council to establish and operate a system with the capacities such as:

- to provide management-relevant descriptive and trend information;
- to identify and assess service needs of children in residential care;
- to monitor client movement patterns within and across residential care systems;
- to create an interagency statistical information base; and
- to provide an information base for the development and implementation of interagency indicators for residential services provided by state agencies.

The Council and any organization with which it contracts are made subject to current statutory provisions protecting the confidentiality of individual identifying information, and the Council is further required to promulgate regulations protecting individual confidentiality. The Council is also required to provide regular management and statistical reports to each

agency and an annual report to the governor on its progress in the design and implementation of this system.

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Chapter 350 provides a framework for the development of an information system with the capacity to provide relevant management information which cuts across agency lines. When this system is implemented, it will provide statewide agencies with a more comprehensive base for inter-agency planning and coordination of residential services than currently exists.

IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION

As the primary responsibility for designing and implementing CYIMIS rests with the Council, local districts and agencies are not required to take any action. Information that is now reported to CCRS will be shared with CYIMIS via a unique identifier which will mask client identifying information.


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