New CONNECTIONS Enhancements: September 16, 2020

1. Previously Investigated Fatalities—New INT ADD FATL Stage
In a programmatic transformation of how previously investigated fatalities are handled, two new stages have been added to the FAD License: 1) “Previously Investigated Fatality” (INT ADD FATL). When a person, other than the person searched, is the subject of the investigation, the case will default to this stage. If that person is subsequently determined to be the fatality, the stage will be updated to “Fatality Case” (INT INI FATL). For previously investigated fatalities, the related investigation will default to the FAD License and be entered as a new investigation.

2. New Person Search when Updating Demographics
To better facilitate improved data quality for users, all FAD License windows (except for the CON) have been updated to include demographics that are visible to users now, but should not be entered until further Family First guidance is issued, later in 2021.

3. To Support Family First Legislation
The following four additional program types have been added to the FAD License window updates:

- Adoption Subsidy
- Adoption or Guardianship
- KinGAP
- KinGAP Subsidy

Determination Appropriate (P) or Determination Not Appropriate (NP)

4. Placement – Additional Placement Action: “Return to List of Maryland Workers”
In the Placement module, a new value has been added to the Placement Action dropdown list of “Return to List of Maryland Workers.” This will allow the placement request to be returned to the last worker who created the placement request, rather than being returned by the system.

5. Placement — Additional Verification
In the Verify Placement window, a new value has been added to the Verification Status dropdown list of “Additional Verification” (AV) or “Additional Placement Action” (APA). This value will be seen and completed by district workers.

6. Family First – Changes to the FAD License Window
To support Family First, the following additional program types have been added to the FAD License window: “Adoption Subsidy” (AS); “KinGAP Subsidy” (KS); “KinGAP” (KG); “Adoption or Guardianship” (AG) and “KinGAP Subsidy” (KAS). The setting has been changed from ‘Auto-Yes’ to ‘Auto-Yes/Non', but should not be used until further Family First guidance is issued, later in 2021.

7. FAD License Window Updates
An effort is being made to provide more(clazzy) language to flavor home visitors, in the FAD License window (and at all other windows where specific fields are displayed or referenced), the Setting has been changed from ‘Auto-Yes’ to ‘Auto-Yes/Non', but should not be used until further Family First guidance is issued, later in 2021.

8. Additional Verification
In the Verify Placement window, a new value has been added to the Verification Status dropdown list of “Additional Verification” (AV) or “Additional Placement Action” (APA). This value will be seen and completed by district workers.

9. New Activities Code for QRTP 30 Day Assessment
Two new Modifier A Codes have been created: 1) QRTP Assessment Determination Appropriate (A); 2) QRTP Assessment Determination Not Appropriate (NP). These activities will be visible to users now, but should not be selected and further Family First guidance is issued, later in 2021.

10. New Activities Code for QRTP 60 Day Court Review
Two new Modifier B Codes have been created: 1) QRTP Court Review Determination Appropriate (B); 2) QRTP Court Review Determination Not Appropriate (BP). These activities will be visible to users now, but should not be selected and further Family First guidance is issued, later in 2021.

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