

CHANGE NOTICE 07-2004

Date September 7, 2004

Manual Family Services, Volume I: Children's Services, Chapter VIII: Child Protective Services, Section 1409: Domestic Violence

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: September 7, 2004 (Contingent upon receipt of training)

Attached to this letter is the revised Section 1409: Domestic Violence. This policy becomes effective September 7, 2004. Because the information contained in 1409 is new and requires some special considerations in conducting CPS Investigative Assessments and Family Assessments (for MRS counties only), its effective date in individual counties will be staggered based upon training provided by the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services and the Division of Social Services. You will receive information on the training opportunities in a separate Dear County Director letter at a later date.

Section 1409: Domestic Violence pages 1 – 17 contains required CPS policy. The 33 page document, “Domestic Violence Resources for Enhanced Practice” including introductory, background and best practices material on domestic violence , three (3) domestic violence assessment tools (Children’s Domestic Violence Assessment Tool, pages 1 and 2; Non-Offending Parent/Adult Victim Domestic Violence Assessment Tool, pages 1 – 4; and Domestic Violence Perpetrator Assessment Tool, pages 1 and 2); and the Personalized Domestic Violence Safety Plan, pages 1 - 4 are also attached to this notice.

The information contained in the “Domestic Violence Resources for Enhanced Practice”, as well as the three assessment tools and safety plan are intended to be used as resources designed to enhance the social workers’ practice and capacity to thoroughly assess situations of domestic violence related child maltreatment. Their use is not required by policy.

Please ensure that all staff members who have child welfare responsibility are provided copies of the new section or access to it via the DSS web site. The on-line manual web address is:

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-60/man/index.htm>

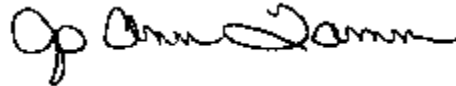
Any questions may be addressed to the Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section staff at (919) 733-4622.

Instructions:

Delete Section 1409: Domestic Violence, dated 03/15/04.

Insert Section 1409: Domestic Violence, dated 09/07/04.

Sincerely,



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Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

Attachments:

[**CS1409**](#)

[**DV Resources for Enhanced Practice**](#)

[**Children's DV Assessment Tool \(DSS-5237\)**](#)

[**Non-Offending Parent/Adult Victim DV Assessment Tool \(DSS-5235\)**](#)

[**DV Perpetrator Assessment Tool \(DSS-5234\)**](#)

[**Personalized DV Safety Plan \(DSS-5233\)**](#)

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