

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: DECEMBER 22, 2010

MANUAL: FAMILY SERVICES MANUAL (VOLUME I): CHILDREN'S SERVICES;
CHAPTER XI- INTERSTATE / INTERCOUNTRY SERVICES TO CHILDREN;
SECTION 1605

CHANGE NO: 07-2010

TO: COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS & SUPERVISORS
CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL WORKERS

RE: NORTH CAROLINA ICPC POLICY REVISIONS

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

I. BACKGROUND/ CHANGE INTENT

On April 18, 2010, the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) amended Regulation 1, which regulates the relocation of family units with children placed through ICPC. Additionally, on the same date, Regulation 11, a new regulation, was adopted to include supervision requirements for children in approved ICPC placements. These changes were made to bring the ICPC compact and policy into compliance with the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006 and federal law as indicated in section 422 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 622] (b)(17) on supervision requirements.

II. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Family Services Manual: Volume 1: Children's Services: Section 1605: Chapter XI: Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children provides guidance on processing placements through ICPC. Regulation No.1, of the policy, was amended to allow for provisional approvals by State Compact offices. The provisional approval requires that State Compact Offices process relocation requests within five (5) business days. Temporary relocations of less than ninety (90) days do not require approval of the receiving state.

The federal time frames for the completion of adoptive or foster care home studies have been added to Regulation No.1. Dear County Director Letter CWS 05-10 dated February 16, 2010, also provides detailed information on completing home studies within sixty (60) days. The amendment to Regulation No. 1 also includes that a final decision must be made on the ICPC request within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of the original ICPC request.

Regulation No. 11 has been adopted in the compact and requires that children, placed through ICPC, are supervised monthly and in accordance with federal law. The receiving state is responsible for quarterly progress reporting to the sending state on supervision provided for children placed through ICPC.

To facilitate this progress reporting process two new forms have been developed and included with this policy change. They are the 30 Day Supervision Report (DSS-5331) and the 90 Day Supervision Report (DSS-5332). The 30 Day Report should be used to document the visit and the 90 Day Report should be provided to the sending state quarterly indicating the progress of the placement.

Training will be available during 2011. Please refer to www.NCswlearn.org for more information on the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) training opportunities.

The revisions to the policy manual 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>.

These revisions will be distributed through email and will be posted in the on-line manual only.

III. INSTRUCTIONS:

OBSOLETE	UTILIZE
North Carolina Division of Social Services Family Services Manual: Volume 1 Chapter XI: Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children (Change #4-2002 Effective April 2002)	North Carolina Division of Social Services Family Services Manual: Volume 1 Chapter XI: Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children (Change 07- 2010 ICPC Supervision Report 30 Day (DSS-5331) ICPC Supervision Report 90 Day (DSS-5332)

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your ICPC consultant or the ICPC team at (919)-733-9464.

Sincerely,



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