

NC DHHS
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

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CHANGE NOTICE

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MANUAL: PERMANENCY PLANNING MANUAL

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ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

RE: REVISION TO POLICY

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

INTENT: NOTIFICATION OF POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

The Permanency Planning Manual has been updated and policy has been revised to incorporate the following required changes in response to Senate Bill 693 Session Law 2021-132:

- Referral process to the Rapid Response Team
- Requirements when a juvenile in the custody of the Department of Social Services presents to a hospital emergency department for mental health treatment
- Court procedure for an emergency motion for placement and payment

This manual can be located at <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/child-welfare/policy-manuals>. The new policy revisions are located under the subsection "Other Placement Resources" beginning on page 43.

In further response to Senate Bill 693 Session Law 2021-132, a new DSS form ([DSS-6190](#)) has been created. Counties will utilize the DSS-6190 when making a referral to the Rapid Response Team. The [DSS-6190](#) is available on the Division's web page at <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/forms>.

Should you have questions regarding the policy changes or DSS form, please contact Margaret Knight at margaret.knight@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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