

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL	
	Chapter 8: Out-of-Home Services	Effective Date: March 1, 2011
	Section 37: Holding a Placement during a Temporary Absence	Version: 2

POLICY

When a child in out-of-home care enters a hospital or is a runaway, the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will continue to make foster care payments to the resource family for a maximum of five (5) days.

Code References

N/A

PROCEDURE

[REVISED] The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:

1. Engage the Child and Family Team (CFT) regarding the child's return to the same resource home at the end of the temporary absence;
2. Engage the CFT to discuss any possible changes to the current placement and/or alternative permanency plan. See separate policy, [5.15 Concurrent Planning](#);
3. Encourage the resource parent to have frequent face-to-face contact with the child during the temporary absence; and
4. Ensure that the resource family home will have all of the necessary resources and support systems in place when the child returns to the home (i.e. counseling services, medical equipment).

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

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