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"Children will live in safe, healthy and supportive families and communities."

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline at (800) 800-5556.

Date: July 1, 2024

To: All DCS Child Welfare Staff

From: Rhonda Allen, Deputy Director of Field Operations

Subject: PEDS Mandatory Referral Reason
DCS-24-2

Beginning July 1, 2024, there will be an additional mandatory Pediatric Evaluation and Diagnostic Service (PEDS) referral reason added to the PEDS contract. This new mandatory referral reason is for "any skin injury on a child under 12 months of age". Practice guidance is available to staff on the DCS Community SharePoint PEDS page.

This change impacts the following policies:

1. [3.02 Creating and Evaluating a Child Abuse and Neglect \(CA/N\) Intake Report;](#)
2. [3.05 Supervisory Review of CA/N Intake Reports;](#)
3. [4.03 Conducting the Assessment - Overview;](#)
4. [4.30 Conducting Institutional Investigations by the ICPS Unit;](#) and
5. [4.16 Medical Examinations, Psychological Testing, Drug Screens, and Substance Abuse Evaluations.](#)

The above policies will be updated to reflect these changes. Please send any questions regarding this information to your local management team.

APPROVED

Date: 6/27/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Allen".

Rhonda Allen

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