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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

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

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF NEW REQUIREMENT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL
FACILITIES – LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ONLY**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only

Effective immediately, the South Carolina Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (SC ICPC) office requires a court order for all Regulation 4: Residential Placement ICPC requests. At minimum, the court order **must** indicate:

- The child or youth is in the agency's custody,
- The child or youth can be placed in South Carolina,
- The specific name of the South Carolina facility, and
- That no other equivalent facility is available in North Carolina.

In addition, the court order cannot indicate placement can occur in other states. If the court order does not contain the required information, the ICPC request will be denied. At this time, the only facility that is exempt from the court order requirement is New Hope Treatment Center, which is located in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

SC ICPC implemented the new requirement due to placement shortage. In response to the shortage, SC ICPC is limiting the number of out-of-state placements to ensure their children and youth have a placement when needed. While understanding that this requirement may hinder the placement process, SC ICPC does have the authority to impose additional requirements for ICPC requests submitted to their state.

Our office will continue to work in partnership with the SC ICPC office regarding any requirement changes to their facilities. Should you have questions, please reach out to your assigned ICPC consultant or to ICPC Team Lead, Althea Swinson at Althea.Swinson@dhhs.nc.gov. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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