



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services

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July 2, 2008

Dear County Director of Social Services

Subject: Update to the Child Placement and Payment System (CPPS)

Recently, the Division of Social Services modified the CPPS system by adding an option to field #20 to the system and on the paper DSS-5094. This field collects information related to the reason and circumstances that bring children into the foster care system. By adding an option for Domestic Violence, the Division as well as individual counties will be able to analyze the impact of domestic violence on the foster care population.

The Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) does not seek this information, and therefore cannot be reported to AFCARS as a reason a child is in custody of the state. In order to prevent errors in our AFCARS submissions, an edit has been placed in the system that will not allow the form to be processed with ONLY Domestic Violence indicated. In order to process a new 5094 form, a county will need to indicate at least one other value for field #20, in addition to Domestic Violence. This system edit will be effective July 9, 2008.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Performance Management and Performance Reporting section at: (919) 733-4530 or the Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section, Foster Care policy team at: (919) 733-9464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
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