

**Office of Child Welfare Programs**

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**Topic:** Foster Care

**Subject:** Expansion of the Personal Care Program  
Mandatory Intake Nursing Assessment on Children Coming into Care

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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**Message:**

On August 15, 2016 the **Personal Care Services Program** will undergo a major expansion bringing additional services and resources to field staff, foster families and children in foster care.

The Personal Care Nurses will continue to provide personal care assessments to children with medical and mental health issues that impact their Activities of daily living (ADL’s) and In-hospital assessments to assist in determining placement needs. They will now offer the following additional services to improve the health and well-being of children in foster care.

**Intake RN Assessment**

Personal Care Nurses will now complete a **required** in-home nursing assessment on all children who have come into care within 72 hours of Central Office being notified of placement. This nursing assessment will be triggered by a referral from the Personal Care Program in Central Office.

The purpose of the assessment is to identify any immediate health or medical needs that a child may have, coordinate care and medications as needed, make any needed

referrals for additional medical care, and to assess the home to ensure that the placement is able to meet the health and medical needs of the child. Additionally, during this assessment the nurse will promote nutrition and a healthy lifestyle for children in foster care. ***This assessment does not take the place of the required appointment with the child's Primary Care Provider within 30 days of coming into foster care.***

The caseworker will receive a copy of the completed assessment with any nursing recommendations made or nursing intervention completed. A copy of the Intake Nursing Assessment will also be placed in the child's file cabinet in OR-Kids. ***It is critical that branches enter new placements into the OR-KIDS system immediately after a child comes into care in order for the nurse to complete his/her required assessment promptly and Medicaid eligibility can be determined in a timely manner.***

### **Medical Case Management**

The Personal Care Nurses will be available to provide needed Medical Case Management for children with high medical needs. This can be requested by the branch via a Personal Care Referral ([CF172b](#)) or be initiated by an Administrative Referral in Central Office.

The Personal Care Nurse should be consulted when a child with medical needs or a complex medication regime is moved, to ensure that accurate medical and medication information is shared with new foster parents, and to assist with any care coordination or education that may be needed. The Personal Care Nurse will be available to make home visits when a child is moved, if needed. This can be requested via a Personal Care Referral ([CF172b](#)) whether the child qualifies for a personal care payment or not.

### **Medication Management**

The Personal Care Nurse will be available to assist with medication management in a foster home where the child may have a complex or new medication regime, when a child is in a temporary placement or awaiting placement (DHS office, hotel, etc.) or has moved. The branch can request this service via personal care referral ([CF172b](#)).

### **Telephone Consultation**

The Personal Care Nurse will be available to field staff for telephone consultation regarding health, medication and medical issues for youth in foster care. Field staff may call the nurse directly.

### **Teaching/Training**

The Personal Care Nurse will be available to provide education and training to field staff on various health topics and specific training to workers or caregivers providing care for children with health issues (such as obesity, diabetes, etc.) For example, a nurse could provide specific training to BRS staff for a youth with diabetes, or provide

training for field staff who supervise the visits of a child with complex medical needs. Requests for this type of service can be made by contacting the nurse directly.

### Consultation for Staffings or WRAP meetings

The Personal Care Nurse will be available to attend staffings and WRAP meetings as needed. Field staff may contact the nurse directly for this service.

### Personal Care Nurses Coverage Areas and Contact Information

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### Changes to Personal Care process at the Branch

- *On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 branches will no longer be required to provide the PC Nurse with an Invoice ([CF501b](#)) when making a personal care referral. The invoice will be self-generated by the nurse and approved in Central Office.*
- *The Personal Care referral form ([CF172b](#)) has been simplified. Please use the revised referral form available on the forms directory.*
- *Branches will no longer need to send the PC nurses referrals for routine personal care reassessments, as they will be generated from Central Office. Assessments and reassessments that are a result of changes in a child's condition or needs will still come from the branch.*

This expansion of the Personal Care Program will relieve field staff of having to interpret medical information by providing experienced nurses as a resource, and it will provide a physical health perspective in foster homes that has not been previously available. This collaboration between field staff and nurses will have a significant positive impact on the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in foster care.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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