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SUBJECT: 11. Psychotropic Medication Management in Adoptive Placements – Policy		

REFERENCES:

Child Welfare Policy I-E.3.3.1, Medication Management
http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-e331.pdf
 ORS 109.675
 ORS 418.517
 CF 305, IIS Code Sheet

PURPOSE

This policy supplements the procedures set forth in OAR 413-070-0400 through 413-070-0490 by establishing procedures for medication management for a child in a legal risk placement or for a child in an adoptive placement that is coded *SFAM* or *SREL* in the SOSCF *Integrated Information System*. (See definitions for *SREL* and *SFAM* in this policy.) In addition, this policy clarifies the roles of the child worker and adoption worker in the implementation of medication management.

DEFINITIONS

(1) **"Integrated Information System"** means the SOSCF mainframe computer system which collects client, provider and fiscal information.

(2) **"SFAM" (Regular Family Foster Care);** means care provided in the least restrictive environment, on a planned basis, by a licensed foster family for a child in the legal custody of SOSCF.

(3) **"SREL" (Relative Family Foster Care);** means care provided to a child in SOSCF's legal custody by a relative who is not a parent of the child. Foster care payments may be authorized for relative providers when those providers are certified and the related child in their care is eligible for the federally matched Title IV-E foster-care program.

VALUE

Children in SOSCF care and custody should receive appropriate health care.

PROCEDURES

(1) When a parent(s) has relinquished his/her parental rights, or has had his/her parental rights terminated, SOSCF shall not send psychotropic medication notification to the birth parent(s), but shall notify the child's attorney or CASA if either is still assigned to the case.

(2) When a child is in a legal risk placement or in an adoptive placement that is coded *SFAM* or *SREL* in the SOSCF *Integrated Information System*, the child's worker continues to be responsible for medication management delineated in SOSCF Policy I-E.3.3.1, Medication Management (OAR 413-070-0400 through 0490). The adoption worker supervising the adoptive placement must work in coordination with the child's worker and family to facilitate the medication management process..

(3) Medication management must continue as ordered by the prescribing physician when services are designated as *SFAM* or *SREL* on the *Integrated Information System*.