



The changes are the addition of the five words bolded, italicized and underlined below:

- (b) If a person conducting an assessment under ORS 419B.020 observes a child who has suffered suspicious physical injury and the person ***is certain or*** has a reasonable suspicion that the injury ***is or*** may be the result of abuse, the person must, in accordance with the protocols and procedures of the county multi-disciplinary team described in ORS 418.747, ensure that --
  - (A) A designated medical professional conducts a medical assessment within 48 hours of the observation of the suspicious physical injury, or sooner if dictated by the child's medical needs; or
  - (B) An available physician conducts a medical assessment if, after reasonable efforts to locate a designated medical professional, a designated medical professional is not available to conduct a medical assessment within 48 hours. The CPS worker is required to document in FACIS efforts to locate the designated medical professional when an available physician is used.

**Implementation/Transition Instructions:** Since current practice is understood to be consistent with the original statutory intent and new statutory language, no workload impact is anticipated. The addition of language assures all injuries described in the statute receive medical attention and are documented. This includes injuries suspicious for child abuse, as well as injuries known to be the result of child abuse. If compliance with this change requires a practice shift work with your staff/supervisor on transitioning and contact your district CPS consultant if additional guidance is needed.

**Training/Communication Plan:** The CPS program presented the information at CPS quarterlies. The rule amendment was also distributed for review at policy council and to the policy council review teams.

**Local Office Action Required:** Read the rule amendment and assure that practice, if not already consistent with the direction, is in line with the rule starting 01/01/2010. Please contact your district CPS consultant if further guidance is needed.

**Central Office Action Required:** Offer clarification and guidance as needed to assure compliance with the statute and administrative rule.

**Field/Stakeholder review:**       Yes       No

**If yes, reviewed by:**

**Filing Instructions:** This administrative rule is being filed as a temporary rule due to the statutory requirement for the effective date of 01/01/2010. This rule will be filed as permanent prior to the expiration of the temporary rule.

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

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