

MALTREATMENT TYPES

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Explanation: There are new Maltreatment types for sexual abuse and substance misuse.

Benefit:

- More precise designations for Sexual Abuse maltreatments
- More precise designations for Substance Misuse maltreatments

Who is impacted:

- Hotline Counselors
- Child Protective Investigators
- Case Managers

Policy / Decision surrounding practice:

- 1. Sexual Abuse Maltreatments.** The existing Sexual Abuse maltreatment code will become inactive, and investigators will select one or more of the following maltreatment codes to indicate the extent and type of sexual abuse the child was exposed to:
 - **Sexual Battery:** Sexual acts involving the oral, anal, or vaginal penetration of a child, or forcing or allowing a child to perform oral, anal or vaginal penetration on another person. Penetration includes the use of objects, digital, oral or sexual intercourse.
 - **Sexual Molestation:** Any contact, touching, or physical interaction with a child for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification. This includes the child being touched under or over the clothing, or the child being allowed or forced to touch another person under or over the clothing.
 - **Sexual Exploitation by Parent/Legal Guardian:** Using a child for sexual arousal or gratification by means of pornography, exposing of sexual organs, committing coitus or masturbating in the child's presence, etc. (*Note: This does not include forced sexual conduct by the parent, legal guardian or caregiver for profit or advantage, which would fall under the human trafficking CSEC maltreatment code.*)
- 2. Substance Misuse Maltreatments.** The existing Substance Misuse maltreatment code remains active, but three new Substance Abuse maltreatment codes will identify a primary drug category associated with the caregiver's abuse or misuse of alcohol or drugs. The existing and new maltreatment codes are now defined as:
 - **Substance Misuse – Alcohol:** This category represents the caregiver's personal ingestion of alcohol contributing to the abuse or neglect of a child.
 - **Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs:** This category represents the caregiver's personal ingestion of an illicit drug contributing to the abuse or neglect of a child. This category includes both the basic or parent chemical and synthetic drugs or derivatives used to avoid arrest and prosecution which may not yet be classified as a controlled substance (e.g., K2,

Spice, Bath Salts, etc.).

- **Substance Misuse - Prescription Drugs:** This category includes the caregiver's personal abuse of prescription drugs contributing to the abuse or neglect of a child. This category includes a valid prescription written by a physician, "street" purchased, or given to the individual by friends or family.
- **Substance Misuse:** This category is now limited to a child being poisoned or under the influence of a drug or noxious substance when the caregiver: (1) intentionally or accidentally "poisons" a child by administering any drug or noxious substance that harms, or is likely to harm or injure the child; or (2) directly provides the child with alcohol or drugs; or (3) allows the child to consume alcohol or drugs.

Notes:

When there is more than one substance misuse type (i.e., two or more drugs ingested at the same time OR two different drugs used at different times), the investigator should select more than one maltreatment code. If it is clear that an individual has a "primary drug of choice" and only rarely or infrequently uses a different substance, the investigator should select only the maltreatment code for the primary drug of choice.

In investigations involving drug-exposed newborns, it would be appropriate for the investigator to select both a Substance Misuse code for the infant's mother (Alcohol, Illicit Drugs, or Prescription Drug) and the singular "Substance Misuse" code for the infant's exposure to the respective substance.

On-line Training: Training for these changes is posted on the Center for Child Welfare's website: <http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/fsfnenduser/lifecycleintake/start.html>

Resources: User Guides, How Do I Guides, Topic Papers, Reference Data are posted on the Center for Child Welfare's FSFN website: <http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FSFN/FSFNactivation.shtml>

CONTACT INFO: If you have a question, submit it to the Center for Child Welfare's "FAQ" tab: <http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FAQs/AskaFAQ.shtml>