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TO: Regional Managing Directors
Regional Family and Community Services Directors

FROM: Traci Leavine, Director of Child Welfare Practice

SUBJECT: Revisions to Florida Administrative Code: Chapter 65C-29 (Child Protective Investigations)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff that revisions made to Florida Administrative Code 65C-29 **become effective on 12/31/14.**

BACKGROUND: Over the past two years considerable effort has been expended by stakeholders across the state to align administrative code with the Safety Methodology and more recently, the revisions made to Chapter 39 in regard to investigative practice. Some of the more significant changes are highlighted below:

- The requirement to assign the intake to the county where the child is located at the time of the call has been rescinded.
- The requirement for 2nd Party Reviews has been rescinded.
- New requirement for the development of a safety plan when a danger threat(s) has been identified, including the need for the supervisor to review the safety plan within 24 hours of the identification of the danger threat.
- New requirement for an "Initial" supervisor consultation within five (5) days of the assignment of the investigation to discuss the status of the investigation and the assessment activities conducted to date.
- New requirement for "Second Tier Consultations" when: (1) an in-home safety plan is initiated with the family; (2) an impending danger safety plan is initiated with the family and a dependency petition is not filed in court; (3) a child is assessed as "safe" but the risk assessment score is "high" or "very high"; and (4) the report involves a child death with surviving siblings in the home.

ACTION REQUESTED: Please inform staff of the above noted changes and encourage the reading of the new rule in its entirety which may be accessed at:

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=65C-29>

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