

EFFECTIVE May 1, 2012.

Subject(s) 1. Corporal punishment.
2. Correction.

1) Corporal Punishment

Corporal Punishment And Seclusion/Isolation

DHS prohibits the use of corporal punishment as a means of disciplining a foster child, in all out-of-home foster care placements which includes licensed foster homes, unlicensed caregiver homes, and child caring institutions. DHS allows the use of seclusion in compliance with applicable licensing rules for child care institutions. This policy defines corporal punishment and seclusion/isolation, and specifies reporting requirements.

Reason: Dwayne B. v Snyder, et al. settlement agreement.

Communication Plan: Step-by-step job aid.

FOM 802-1, Psychotropic Medication in Foster Care

The word “anticonventional” has been corrected to “anticonvulsant. The bullet on page 1 should read:

The Mood stabilizers and anticonvulsant medications for treatment of bi-polar disorder (manic-depressive), excessive mood swings, aggressive behavior, impulse control disorders, and severe mood symptoms in schizoaffective disorders and schizophrenia.

Reason: Policy correction.

**MANUAL
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Added Items ...

[FOM 722-2A](#)

Changed Items (content changes) ...

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