

Notification of Changes to Child Welfare Master Contracts

(FY2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

May 1, 2021

Sec. 531. The department shall notify the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the house and senate policy offices of any changes to a child welfare master contract template, including the adoption master contract template, the independent living plus master contract template, the child placing agency foster care master contract template, and the residential foster care juvenile justice master contract template, not less than 30 days before the change takes effect.



NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO CHILD WELFARE MASTER CONTRACT(S)

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Shelter Foster Care (SHFC) master contract will be posted on the MDHHS public website in the Master Contract Templates section at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_7199---,00.html.

Changes were made to the Shelter Foster Care (SHFC) master contract. One option year will be exercised to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2022. Changes have been made throughout the contract to distinguish responsibilities assigned to the referring caseworker/agency vs. the Regional Placement Unit. The defendant's name in the Dwayne B. lawsuit has been updated from Snyder to Whitmer. Citations for relevant state and federal legislation have been added. The list of assessments that may be administered has been expanded. Section 1.2 Referrals was revised to include language related to emergency placements. Section 1.3 Admission Criteria has been revised to remove responsibilities assigned to the contractor. Section 2.6 Program Name, Statement, and Focus has been revised to remove the requirement of an evaluation of placement and to remove the number of days placement is allowed. The Prudent Parent Standard has been further defined in Section 2.10 Services to be Provided. Staff qualifications are revised to be consistent with Administrative Rules and policy requirements. The list of those eligible to provide therapy services has been expanded to align with Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) rules. The requirements related to a child who is Absence Without Legal Permission (AWOLP) have been revised to include the potential for trafficking services. Section 2.11 Program Performance Objectives have been updated. Section 2.21 The Division of Child Welfare Licensing (DCWL) has been removed. Section 2.23 Criminal Background Check has been added. The activities in which MDHHS performs contract monitoring has been revised. Administrative and grammatical changes have been made throughout.