



Department of Children and Family Services Policy and Procedure Guide

Division No: 3–Child Welfare Effective Date:
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Chapter No: 3–Initial Response/Detention

Item No: 21–Emergency Response Investigation Consultation with Public
Health Nurse

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Children and Family Services, Child Welfare Services that:

If during an emergency response investigation (Crisis and/or 10-Day Response) a Social Worker (SW) and/or Social Work Supervisor (SWS) becomes aware that a child involved in the case has medical needs such, as but not limited to: (1) Premature and Drug Exposed, (2) Severe Injury, (3) Previous Broken Bones, (4) Suspected drug exposure of child and/or (5) Medical neglect, a Public Health Nurse (PHN) will be immediately contacted for consultation regarding the medical issue(s) on the case.

The SW and/or SWS will also invite the PHN who has given the consultation to attend any scheduled Team Decision Making (TDM) meeting.

PROCEDURE:

- I. The SW and/or SWS will contact the Department of Community Health at (559) 445-3281 and request a Child, Health, and Disability Prevention (CHDP) PHN consult on the case and invite the PHN to attend the TDM meeting.
- II. The SW and/or SWS will have all known relevant medical history pertaining to the child available for the PHN to review during the PHN's initial consultation.
- III. The SW and/or SWS will document all recommendations the PHN makes during the consultation and TDM meeting in the CWS/CMS system.