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TO: Child and Family Well-Being Directors
Child Protection Directors
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FROM: Kate Williams, Assistant Secretary for Child & Family Well-Being *KW*

SUBJECT: Administrative Code Updates

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification of recent changes to Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) that impact Florida's Child Welfare System of Care. This memorandum is part of the Office of Child and Family Well-Being's new process to increase communications to ensure stakeholders are provided timely notification of changes, updates, or other information that may impact our work.

BACKGROUND: The following amendments, repeals, and new rule creations have recently occurred:

Chapter/Section	Title	Effective Date	Change
65C-17	Master Trust	8/21/2024	Rule amended to clarify the language regarding master trusts.
65C-28.021	Qualified Residential Treatment Programs	4/15/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s.39.407(6), F.S., regarding qualified evaluators pursuant to Chapter 2022-55, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.002	Safety Planning and Case Transfer	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.004	Identification of Children	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida, and modify fingerprinting requirements to align with practice.
65C-30.005	Ongoing Family Functioning Assessment	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.006	Case Planning	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.

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65C-30.007	Case Management Responsibilities after Case Transfer	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.009	Least Intrusive Interventions	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.011	Placement Responsibilities of the Child Welfare Professional	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.015	New Reports Received, Removal, and Placement of Children	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.016	New Children in Families under Supervision	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.018	Out-of-County Services	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.020	Child Fatalities	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.
65C-30.022	Termination of Services	11/25/2024	Amendments to align with changes in s. 39.3065, F.S., removing references to sheriff's offices that complete child protective investigations pursuant to Chapter 2023-77, Laws of Florida.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please share this memorandum with all appropriate staff in the regions, circuits, lead agencies, case management organizations, and other staff as appropriate. To view copies of the latest rules, please visit <https://www.flrules.org/>.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have questions or need clarification regarding this memorandum, please contact Jessica Andrews, Policy Director, at (850) 717-4671 or Jessica.Andrews@myflfamilies.com.