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New 14-Day Advanced Notice of Placement Changes and Placement Preservation Strategy

AB-2247, which went into effect on **January 1, 2019**, changes the law regarding placement changes.

Below is a summary of the significant changes made to existing law by AB-2247 (WIC 16010.7):

- 1) The 7-Day Notice of Intent to Terminate Placement has changed to a **14-Day Advanced Notice of Placement Changes**.
- 2) **Prior to** making a placement change for a dependent child (on juvenile dependency cases post-disposition), a CSW must develop and implement a **Placement Preservation Strategy (PPS)** in consultation with the child's [Child and Family Team \(CFT\)](#):
 - The CSW is required to consult with the child's CFT regarding each placement change;
 - The Placement Preservation Strategy must be developed and implemented **prior to** the issuance of the 14-Day Advanced Notice of Placement Changes;
 - The Placement Preservation Strategy may include [conflict resolution practices](#) and [facilitated meetings](#) (e.g., convening a CFT meeting to identify and implement best practice strategies to help preserve and support the child's existing placement);
 - All Placement Preservation Strategy information must be documented in CWS/CMS:
 - a. To document Placement Preservation Strategies derived from CFT meetings, all information must be documented in accordance with [CFTM Data Entry Instructions for CWS/CMS](#) and the CFTM Narrative field notes must include the words "Placement Preservation Strategy";
 - b. To document Placement Preservation Strategies derived from other conflict resolution practices and facilitated meetings (not CFTMs), all information must be documented in CWS/CMS by entering a Case Contact in the Contact Notebook and including the words "Placement Preservation Strategy" in the Narrative field notes.



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- 3) If **after** implementing the Placement Preservation Strategy, the CSW finds a placement change is still necessary, the CSW shall provide **written notice** to all of the following parties at least **14 days prior** to the change:
- The child's caregiver(s) ([DCFS 489-3](#))
 - The child (if 10 years of age or older) ([DCFS 489-4](#))
 - The child's parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) ([DCFS 489-5](#)) and
 - The child's attorney ([DCFS 489-6](#))
- 4) A placement change must not be made between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., except by mutual agreement of the following parties:
- The child (if 10 years of age or older) OR the child's attorney (if the child is under age 10);
 - The child's current caregiver(s);
 - The child's prospective caregiver(s); and
 - The child's CSW.
- 5) The **exceptions** to the above requirements for a Placement Preservation Strategy and 14-Day Advanced Notice of Placement Changes are:
- If remaining in the existing placement poses an **imminent risk** to the health or safety of the dependent child or other children in the home of facility; and/or
 - Waiver – by **unanimous agreement** (full agreement by everyone involved) of:
 - The child's CFT and the child (if 10 years of age or older); OR
 - The child's CFT and the child's attorney (if the child is under age 10).
- 6) The new law applies only to juvenile dependency cases **post-disposition**.
- For juvenile dependency cases pre-disposition, a Placement Preservation Strategy is not required but the CSW must still provide the caregiver a 14-Day Advanced Notice of Placement Changes ([DCFS 489-7](#))
- 7) The new law does **not** apply to Non-Minor Dependents placed in a Transitional Housing Placement or a SILP.
- 8) The new law does **not** apply to a planned placement change as informed by the child's CFT and described in the child's case plan.

Pertinent policies will be revised in the future to incorporate the above changes.



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