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To:

Children's Administration All Staff

From:

Jennifer A. Strus, Assistant Secretary
Children's Administration

Subject:

Update to Health and Safety Visits with Children and Monthly Visits with Caregivers and Parents

We have heard from many of you regarding the Health and Safety visit policy rolled out on April 16, 2015 and the requirements on child protective services (CPS) cases. We are amending the policy in response to your feedback. Policy will now include:

- Children with open CPS cases, whether investigation or Family Assessment Response, must receive private, individual face-to-face health and safety visits every calendar month when the case is open beyond 60 days.

If you have any questions about this policy change, please contact Mary Pagni-Leavitt, CFWS Program Manager at mary.pagni-leavitt@dshs.wa.gov or 360-902-7568.