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## A Collection of Topics

Some Legislation, An Addition to SDM,  
A Bit on Placement  
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### 2012 Legislation

- Training on Legislation by Ann Ahlstrom on June 4 and 15
- More training on legislation by various DHS Staff on July 23 and 31
- Significant changes to adoption and adoption assistance law:
  - Social and medical history of the child to be completed no later than six months after the child's placement. Available in templates, category Foster Care/Adoption Social and Medical History
  - Some areas that required commissioner consent now will not. This will require SSIS changes in adoption submissions. Assessment of required changes is being done now, e.g., Sibling Placement.

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### Birth Match

- *Scenario:* Parents who had previous involuntary termination of parental rights, or previous involuntary transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative, have a new baby.
  - DHS will report *threatened injury* to the local agency. Either family assessment or investigation may be used to determine whether the child is safe. Report process is not new. Statutory definition of *threatened injury* is clarification.

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### Safe Place for Newborns

- SSIS added an identifier to removal conditions to report that the infant is placed under the Safe Place for Newborns law.
- Additions to hospital as a receiving place for a “Safe Place for Newborns” infant, health care provider giving urgent medical care, and an ambulance dispatched by a 911 call to transport a newborn under “Safe Place.”
- Infant born within seven days is eligible for “Safe Place.”

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### Planning with Both Parents

- Reasonable efforts are required to engage both parents in case planning. Amendment to 260C.178 Subd. 7.
- Must plans for separated parents be separate?
  - It depends. Are both parents attending hearings? Is one parent a victim of abuse by the other? Does one parent object to the other seeing the plan? Or, can parents meet with the social worker and the foster parents together?
  - Plans can be copied and, now, moved from one WG to another.
  - Refer to Bulletin #12-75-01 for information on finding parents/relatives through Child Support Data.

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### Youth Ages 18-21

- 260C.451 clarifications
- Is the youth in supervised independent living (SIL), or is the youth in a more structured setting that offers independent living services? It's important to know the difference and code accordingly.
  - Examples:
    - Auburn Lake Academy
    - Adult Foster Care
- A youth in supervised independent living is IV-E reimbursable, but a youth in a non-IV-E facility which is not supervised independent living is not IV-E reimbursable.

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### Adult Foster Care

- Some youths ages 18-21 may be placed in adult foster care.
  - Is the youth DD and likely to remain in adult foster care forever?
  - Is the youth headed for independence, but not yet ready for an apartment?
    - If the youth is in adult foster care, does the foster parent have full responsibility or does the youth have charge of all/some of his/her own money?
    - This is important because adult foster homes are not IV-E reimbursable, but supervised independent living is IV-E reimbursable.

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### Trial Home Visit

- Child is ordered into non-custodial parent's home for trial home visit (as stated by judge). How is this entered into SSIS?
- Is child living with the parent ever really "in placement"?
- Definition in Bulletin 10-68-21:
  - The Continuous Placement in SSIS is defined as the entire time a child is continually living away from their own home through the authority of an emergency hold, a court order, or a Voluntary Placement agreement. The continuous placement ends when a child is living with their parent or legal guardian, either custodial or non-custodial, or attains permanency from a transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative or from a finalized adoption. If the court ordered a trial home visit, the continuous placement is discharged either when the court returns custody to the parent, or six months have passed, whichever is first.

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### Quiz Scenario

- Child has lived with non-custodial parent for three years with no agency involvement. Custodial parent, mom, left the child with dad and left the state. Report of neglect comes in on the dad and the agency decides child is not safe in dad's home. Dad agrees to child living with grandmother. Is this a placement?

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### Corrections Placements

- Does your agency have a IV-E agreement with your corrections agency or are both corrections and social services under the same administration? Then corrections placements are entered into SSIS.
- What happens if your court gives social services care and control? Placements under the care and control of social services must be entered into SSIS.
- Corrections has care and control; there is no IV-E agreement, but social services budget pays for the placement. These placements are not required to be entered in SSIS.

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### IV-E Scenarios

- Child in foster care must be hospitalized. Payment to foster parent for not more than 14 days is IV-E reimbursable.
- When child is removed from parent and first placed in foster care, then placed with non-custodial parent (which ends in a few months), followed by return to foster care, IV-E eligibility goes back to original removal.
- When child is removed from mom, placed in foster care, then mom joins child in foster care, both placement and continuous placement end. If mom then leaves the foster home, a new continuous placement begins with new eligibility determination.

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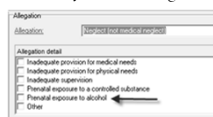
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### Definition of Prenatal Exposure

- Currently defined in section 253B.02, subdivision 2, used by the mother for a nonmedical purpose, as evidenced by symptoms in the child at birth, results of a toxicology test, medical effects or delays during child's first year
- Will now include the presence of a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
  - SSIS already includes allegation as shown:



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### No Determination of Maltreatment

- Section 626.556, subdivision 10e is amended to:
  - No determination of maltreatment shall be made when the alleged perpetrator is a child under the age of 10.
  - Does not include the age of 10
  - SSIS has had the report, "Clients Age 10 and Under as Determined Offenders." Eventually this report will go away.
  - In a future release, the system will prevent you from finding a child age nine or younger to be a determined offender.

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### Documents

- Statutory changes will require changes to many documents, especially for adoption and adoption assistance. Documents are already being overhauled, so these changes will be included in that work.
- SSISV12.2 will have the RTF Editor in the OHPP.
- SSISV12.3 will have the RTF Editor in case notes. Some of the documents will be done.
- SSISV12.4 will have the remaining documents done.
- All of the above with a good wind and all demi gods in our favor.

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### SDM

- The risk assessment has two new additions to Supplemental Data:
  - Father, stepfather, boyfriend, or male roommate provides unsupervised child care to a child under the age of three.
  - Is the father, stepfather, boyfriend, or male roommate employed?
- Supplemental Data does not add to the score.
- Mortality Review data tells us that a higher percentage of deaths or life-threatening injuries are perpetrated by males in the home. These additions will tell us if this factor adds to risk in broader CP reported population.

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