**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 12-09**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators

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**SUBJECT:** Consent for Invasive Procedures

Local health department nurses have been instructed to ensure that consents are received for children whenever an invasive procedure must be completed in the medical setting. While this update focuses on health departments, this policy also applies to doctor’s offices and clinics. If a consent has not been received the procedure will not be performed. Revisions have been made to the following SOP sections to offer workers assistance about this process:

* [4.26.2 Authorization for Medical Services](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter4/12/Pages/4262AuthorizationforMedicalServices.aspx);
* [4.26.3 Immunizations Including Human Papillomavirus Vaccine](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter4/12/Pages/4263ImmunizationsIncludingHumanPapillomavirusVaccine.aspx); and
* [11.21 Medical Consent for Child in Emergency or Temporary Custody](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter11/36/Pages/1121MedicalConsentforChildinEmergencyorTemporaryCustody.aspx) (content merged with 4.26.2).

Although new content has been added to the SOP manual, this is not a new process. These steps should have always been completed to ensure the health and safety of foster children and resource parents. **Blanket consent for medical treatment signed by DCBS staff is not an approved method of consent for medical services and should not be provided to resource parents.**

The Department for Public Health (DPH) will be issuing a similar release stating their policy, simultaneously to this release.

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