

Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 25-02 SOP 2.24 and forms. The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate.

SOP 2.24

1. **Comment:** Could there be guidance for filing petitions prior to the Emotional Injury Assessment? All of our Emotional Injury Providers required a court order, this is related to them receiving payment. Our courts work with us to hold the petitions at pretrial until the assessments are completed, but we don't really have any guidance on this in policy and it would be helpful.

Response: Regulation and statute do not require a court order for payment of these assessments. Staff should not file petitions for payment purposes only. DPP is considering the next steps and statewide discussion with providers to inform them that payments can still be made without a court order. In practice, if the allegations of emotional injury are significant enough that a judge signs a petition and orders the assessment, that would not impact this SOP.

2. **Comment:** The checklist is very helpful; however, I worry the boxes are too small for a PDF. I was not able to type in them anytime I clicked a box on the form the document closed out. I would request a word version. Often with PDFs those boxes are fixed, and the font sizes adjust strange and get very small or don't allow for more words.

Response: The checklist has been added to the SOP manual as a Word document.

3. **Comment:** On the first bullet under Practice Guidance, I think regional mental health/mental retardation boards should be updated to "Community Mental Health Centers." Although our CMHC will not complete emotional injury assessments, we work with private agencies.

Response: This has been updated.

Emotional Injury Assessment and Emotional Injury Checklist

No comments