

Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 26-19 SOP C7.12 Timeframes for All Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) Cases and SOP C7.45 Photography, Video, or Audio Recording of a Child in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC). The following comment was 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.

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- 1. Comment:** Consider revising the requirement for repeated completion of the **Waiver of Reasonable Efforts Checklist** at multiple fixed intervals. Once a case has been thoroughly assessed and circumstances remain unchanged, requiring the same checklist at every case plan review creates unnecessary duplication. Instead, require the checklist when significant new information arises or when a permanency decision is being reconsidered.

Response: ~~#8 A. Prior to the emergency custody order (ECO);~~ is removed.

- 2. Comment:** Consider providing greater flexibility regarding monthly face-to-face contact with parents when circumstances such as incarceration, out-of-state residence, or a court-approved change in case direction make in-person contact unnecessary. Allowing supervisor-approved alternative contact methods in appropriate cases would better align worker time with the needs of children and permanency planning.

Response: No change will be made. Please refer to [SOP C7.21 SSW's Ongoing Contact With the Child and Family, Including the Medically Complex Child](#) for additional information regarding contact with parents.

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No comments