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**Contract Correspondence Transmittal (CCT)**

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<b>Attachments/Forms:</b> SOP 7E.4.5-Authorization for Medical Services	

Dear PCP Provider,

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify PCC and PCP staff that children and young adults 6 months to 24 years old, especially those with chronic health problems, are recommended to get the H1N1 flu vaccine as they may be at higher risk for developing serious health problems if they become ill with H1N1 flu.

It is the practice of the Cabinet that children in state custody receive all recommended vaccines. As H1N1 vaccine becomes available in your area, and as state committed children become eligible, they should be vaccinated. Please continue to follow procedures outlined in [SOP 7E.4.5 Authorization for Medical Services](#) related to consent. Additional information may be located at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or at <http://healthalerts.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Julie Cubert by e-mail at [Julie.cubert@ky.gov](mailto:Julie.cubert@ky.gov) or by telephone at (502) 564-7536 ext. 4500.

Sincerely,

Michael Cheek  
Director



## **AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **COA STANDARDS:**

- NA

### **LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

- KRS 605.110

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The SSW follows procedures outlined in SOP 7E.4.1 Process Overview for Meeting Health Care Needs.
2. If the child is in the emergency custody or temporary custody of the Cabinet, a parent or judge grants approval for medical procedures. A blanket consent by the court for medical services that are for prevention and treatment is sufficient. In an emergency when the child requires immediate medical attention and the parent or judge cannot be located, the SSW or FSOS authorize treatment. When the SSW or FSOS cannot be located, the caregiver authorizes treatment.
3. If the child is committed, the SSW or FSOS may authorize treatment. In an emergency, when a child needs immediate medical treatment and the SSW or FSOS cannot be notified, the caregiver authorizes treatment. If parental rights are intact, the SSW attempts to notify the child's parent within one (1) working day of any:
  - (a) Emergency medical treatment;
  - (b) Serious illness; or
  - (c) Major surgery.
4. If a child is on extended commitment, the child is responsible for authorizing medical treatment. If the child is unable to authorize medical treatment because of a physical or mental condition, the court, SSW, or FSOS may authorize treatment.
5. If a child is on a voluntary commitment, the SSW consents to treatment when a parent cannot be located, in cases of serious illness or major surgery. In an emergency, when the child requires immediate medical attention and the SSW or FSOS cannot be located, the caregiver authorizes emergency medical treatment.