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**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 26-08**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators  
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**FROM:** Clifton S. Bryant, Assistant Director II

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**SUBJECT:** SOP C5.9, C5.11, C5.13, C7.29, C7.30 and C7.31

This transmittal letter notifies staff of edits to the following SOP:

- [C5.9 Case Plan Reviews/Ongoing Assessments](#)
- [C5.11 Assessing the Case for Closure](#)
- [C5.13 Structured Decision Making \(SDM®\) Reunification and Risk Reassessments](#)
- [C7.29 Ongoing Assessment for Out-of-Home Care Cases](#)
- [C7.30 Reunification, Including Extended Visitation, Case Planning and Transitional Supports to Families and Children](#)
- [C7.31 Case Closure](#)

And the following forms:

- [Structured Decision Making \(SDM®\) Reunification Assessment Policy and Procedures Manual](#)
- [Structured Decision Making \(SDM®\) Risk Reassessment Policy and Procedures Manual](#)

If you have questions regarding these SOP edits, you may refer to the [Statement of Consideration \(SOC\) for PPTL 26-08 SOP C5.9, C5.11, C5.13, C7.29, C7.30, and C7.31.](#)

Please remember to use CHROME as the browser when accessing the SOP manual.

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