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## FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO:** DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR SERVICES  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS  
PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATORS

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**RE:** PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY AND OPEN SERVICE  
CASES

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED:** PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE, CHILD PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES, INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES, FAMILIES  
NOW LEVELS I-III, KINSHIP CARE

**ORIGINATING OFFICE:** CCA OFFICE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### BACKGROUND:

Before June 1, 1996, children with open child welfare service cases were given first priority for service in the Purchase of Child Care (POC) program. On June 1, 1996, POC regulations were effective that removed children with open service cases in Child Protective Services (CPS), Intensive Family Services (IFS), Families Now Levels I, II, III, or Kinship Care from POC eligibility. This action transmittal provides clarification regarding the policy.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Purchase of Child Care

If a child is receiving POC because the family meets the eligibility requirements and subsequently has a case opened in CPS, IFS, Families Now Levels I, II, II, or Kinship Care, child care services for that child should remain in POC. The case would not be closed in POC unless the case head is no longer eligible for POC. The priority for service will continue to depend on the case head's activity. If a family applying for POC is determined eligible, POC may be provided whether or not there is an open service case. Purchase of Care regulations will be changed, effective August 1997 to reflect this policy clarification.

Child Welfare

If a child in an open Child Protective Services, Intensive Family Services, Families Now Levels I, II, III or Kinship Care case is in need of child care for the purpose of child protection or to prevent placement in foster care, child care services should be paid with Flex Funds allocated by the Social Services Administration.

**ACTION DUE DATE:**

Immediately, upon receipt of this transmittal.

**ACTION REQUIRED OF:**

All local departments of social services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Immediately

For questions, call Linda Zang in the Child Care Administration at (410) 767-7813.

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