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Topic: Child Welfare RMS Coding Update

BCFTA has revised CWRMS coding to appropriately distinguish between pre-adoption activities and post-adoption activities.

Effective with the September-November 2011 RMS observation period, Child Welfare RMS activity codes and the SSRMS certification and reconciliation will be changed as follows:

REVISION - Language has been added to the definition for CW Custody Case Management to clarify that pre-adoptive activities are covered under Custody Case Management.

Code 769 – Child Welfare Custody Case Management

Activities related to a child placement and/or Child’s family, supporting the management of care or service referral to, or arranging for, care or services; planning or supervising care or services; supporting access to care or services; preparing for return of the child to the family or permanent placement of the Child, and performing a case assessment and pre-adoptive activities relating to home studies; fair hearing and appeals; rate setting; grievance procedures; negotiation and review of adoption agreements; recruitment of adoptive homes; placement of the child in the adoptive home; case reviews conducted during a specific pre-adoptive placement for children who are legally free for adoption; case management and supervision prior to a final decree of adoption; referral to services; and development of the case plan.

This code will be subject to the combined eligibility ratio/penetration rate for each county.

ADDITION - A new code has been created for post-adoption activities.

Code 787- Post Finalization Adoption Activities

Activities that occur for post-finalization of an adoption, such as fair hearing and appeals; management of the adoption subsidy; review and renegotiation of the adoption assistance agreement; referral to services and case management performed to implement an adoption assistance agreement and other costs directly related only to the administration of the adoption assistance program.

This code will be subject to the adoption eligibility ratio/penetration rate for each county.

RMS coordinators are advised to alert RMS participants and fiscal staff of this change.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions.