


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: 2017 Wisconsin Act 59: Changes to Performance Based Contracting

PURPOSE

This memo is to serve as notification to Wisconsin public purchasers, Child Placing Agencies, Group Homes, & Residential Care Centers of recent changes included in the 2017-19 state biennial budget bill (2017 Wis. Act 59) that affect performance based contracting.

BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2009 the 2009-2011 state biennial budget was signed into law. The budget instructed the Department, in cooperation with the Rate Regulation Advisory Committee (RRAC), to create and implement a performance based contracting system. The Department was required to identify measurements by which to evaluate the performance of providers in meeting both the goals for the children placed in their care and the goals for the out-of-home care system in this state, and the Department was required to develop payment levels based on the achievement of the identified measures. The initial measurements focus on achieving favorable outcomes for children in out-of-home care.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 2018, the Department will no longer be required to implement a performance based contracting system that develops payment levels that correspond to the achievement of favorable outcomes for children in out-of-home care. The requirement to create performance based contracting for Child Placing Agencies, Group Homes, & Residential Care Centers was removed in 2017 WI Act 59. The RRAC will continue to identify measurements of accountability for providers serving Wisconsin children in out-of-home care. The performance of providers, based on measures identified by the RRAC, will be made public through the on-going use of the Performance Based Measures (PBM) Dashboards.

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<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/59>