



BHS PROVIDER UPDATES

2015-4

Open Child Welfare Services Cases

Consent to Treat and Release of Information

Parental/Court Consent (04-24P or C) and the Special Matter Order: Order Authorizing Health Assessments, Routine Health Care, and Release of Information (aka Blanket Court Order)



Consent to Treat

- For removals prior to 11/18/2013 there will be a 04-24P (parent signed) or 04-24C (court signed) in the case file. The 04-24P is signed by a parent at the time of removal or shortly thereafter. If the parent is unable or unwilling to sign, then the 04-24C is signed by the court at the Detention Hearing or via an ex-parte process (i.e. submitted to court without a hearing).
- If a child was removed between 11/18/2013 and 2/10/2015, the Blanket Court Order is applicable for both consent to treat and release of information for behavioral health services (as well as routine medical care),
- If the child was removed on or after 2/10/15, the new 04-24P (parent signed) or 04-24C (court signed) is required for consent to treat. The 04-24P is signed by a parent at the time of removal or shortly thereafter. If the parent is unable or unwilling to sign, then the 04-24C is signed by the court at the Detention Hearing or via an ex-parte process (i.e. submitted to court without a hearing).

Release of Information

- The Blanket Court Order covers information sharing regardless of when the child was taken into custody.

NOTE: A foster parent/caregiver or social worker **does not have the authority** to sign consent to treat or release of information paperwork.

NOTE: All psychotropic medication requests still need to be authorized through the JV-220 process.