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TO: All Public and Private Adoption Agencies  
All Department of Social Services District Offices

SUBJECT: ICPC Preplacement Interviews - Independent Adoptions

The purpose of this letter is to report a change in procedure for preplacement interviews for independent adoptive placements through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and to advise you of expanded service now being provided by Children's Home Society (CHS) for preplacement interviews through the ICPC.

The ICPC requires the Department of Social Services to notify the sending agency in writing that the proposed placement does not appear to be contrary to the interests of the child. In order to meet this requirement, a preplacement interview must be held with the prospective adoptive parents before the child enters California. In the past, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has forwarded requests for such interviews to one of its district offices or a delegated agency, but other workload demands severely limit the ability of public agencies to respond rapidly. Therefore, adoptive applicants may wish to make use of optional resources now available for interviews.

Currently, CHS is the only private agency performing this expanded service. Other private agencies interested in participating should contact DSS for information at the address listed below. Private agencies will not be reimbursed by DSS for this activity. Those agencies who choose to provide the service will set and charge a fee to cover their costs. Applicants electing service from private agencies will be responsible for paying any established fees.

Adoptive applicants needing immediate response which cannot be met by a district office or delegated agency may arrange with a private agency to have a preplacement interview pursuant to ICPC requirement. Applicants will be advised of the public and private agency resources available for service. It will be the responsibility of the applicants to make arrangements for the interviews with the agency of their choice.

Questions concerning ICPC Adoptive Placements should be addressed to:

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