



**Work Aid 5.11 – Major Medical Consent for Treatment of Children in Foster Care
Withholding or Withdrawal of Life Sustaining Procedures.**

Supplemental to DSS Policy: Chapter 5: Medical Consent for Children in Foster Care: Withholding or Withdrawal of Life Sustaining Procedures

A. Withholding or Withdrawal of Life Sustaining Procedures/Code Status "Do Not Resuscitate"	1. When the parental rights have been terminated, the State Director determines whether to provide Informed Consent when a child or youth's medical provider is recommending the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures or that a child or youth's code status be changed to, "Do Not Resuscitate." The Case Manager prepares a written request to the State Director which includes a. A statement from the child or youth's medical provider summarizing the child or youth's medical history and the basis for the recommendation to make the child or youth's code status "Do Not Resuscitate." b. The Case Manager's recommendation and the basis for the recommendation. c. The recommendation of the child or youth's Guardian ad Litem (GAL). d. The recommendation of the child or youth's current foster parents. e. The final court order terminating parental rights, with verification that all rights to appeal have been exhausted (The child or youth is legally free). 2. The Case Manager forwards this request and supporting documentation via email to the State Director, the Office of General Counsel, the Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, and the Director of Child Welfare Operations for review. 3. The Director of Child Welfare Operations schedules a team conference that must include the State Director, the Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, Director of Child Welfare Operations, Office of General Counsel, the child or youth's Case Manager, Case Manager's Supervisor, the child or youth's medical provider, foster parents and GAL. 4. The State Director decides whether to consent to change a child or youth's code status to "Do Not Resuscitate" based upon the written request, supporting documentation, and team conference.
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	5. The Office of General Counsel records the State Director's decision in writing. 6. The Case Manager uploads the State Director's written decision into CAPSS. 7. Every 90 days, the Director of Child Welfare Operations reviews decisions or changes to a child or youth's code status to, "Do Not Resuscitate". The Director of Child Welfare Operations informs the State Director of any development as deemed necessary and records the outcome of the review in CAPSS.
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