



State of South Carolina Department of Social Services

Work Aid 16.1: Referral for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Exam

Supplemental to DSS Policy 1600: Recognizing and Serving Child Trafficking Victims Chapter 16 – Special Topics

A. SANE Exam Referrals	1. If a youth is suspected and/or identified as being a child trafficking victim, the CWS case manager shall consider the following questions at initial contact: a. Is the youth injured? b. Does the youth have new or acute injuries (genital bruising, cuts, bleeding, pain)? c. Has the alleged perpetrator(s) had physical or sexual contact with the youth within the last 72 hours? d. Was the youth recovered from a hotel room? 2. If any of the above questions are confirmed, the case manager shall notify the Child Abuse Pediatrician (CAP) in their region or the on call Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (PSANE) for further assistance. 3. If the CAP or PSANE concludes an exam is needed, the youth shall be transported to the local emergency room for a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam or acute medical exam within 12 hours of initial contact or as directed by the CAP or PSANE. 4. If at initial contact the youth is not presenting with injuries or acute symptoms, medical needs can be addressed accordingly at a Child Advocacy Center. 5. If the youth is pregnant, case managers shall reference Pregnant and Parenting Youth, Birth Parent Services – Needs Assessment, and Medical Consent for Children in Foster Care Major Medical Care (Non-Emergency) policies. Note: For victims of sex trafficking, the CWS case manager shall request that the victim youth have a thorough examination including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and birth control options if appropriate.
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