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DSS Program Improvement Plan

We learned today that DSS has been placed under a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) by the federal agency ACF. ACF provides federal grant funds to DSS. CAPTA (federal statute) requires healthcare providers to report infants experiencing drug withdrawal symptoms and fetal alcohol syndrome to DSS, and it requires DSS to create a safety plan for each child. ACF has reviewed DSS's policies regarding these infants and has determined that they are not robust enough to comply with CAPTA. DSS has 30 days to submit a remediation plan to ACF and has one year (April 4, 2017) to implement this plan. If they do not, they risk losing CAPTA grant funds from ACF. DSS has received a press inquiry from Reuters on this issue, so we anticipate press coverage.

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