



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
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Dear State Child Welfare Administrators,

We appreciate your commitment to improving outcomes for children and families served by your state's child welfare system by developing and implementing a Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

All states are provided a non-overlapping evaluation period following the two-year PIP Implementation Period to:

- Assure states have the opportunity to see the impact of PIP strategies on practice
- Provide states an additional evaluative period after PIP implementation to determine achievement of PIP measurement goals

The end date of the non-overlapping evaluation period for all states in CFSR Round 3 was set to align with the last day of the second federal Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) submission period following the end of the PIP Implementation Period. This created a range in the length of the non-overlapping evaluation period, depending on when the PIP Implementation Period began.

In an effort to ensure all states have the same amount of time to measure progress from implementing their PIP and other CQI change and implementation activities, the Children's Bureau will offer all states an 18-month non-overlapping evaluation period.

To assist states with planning efforts, the Children's Bureau (CB) updated the list of PIP Measurement Periods included in your state's PIP Goal Calculation Worksheet to extend to 18 months (see attached).

Your CB Child Welfare Regional Office looks forward to discussing your state's interest in potentially planning additional case reviews if your current non-overlapping period ends earlier than 18 months, and more time is needed to achieve unmet PIP measurement goals. This option is also available for states that already completed the non-overlapping evaluation period and CB will prioritize contacting those states. If you have any questions before CB staff are in touch, please contact your Regional Office Program Specialist.

Sincerely,

/s/

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