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**Protective service alert.**

- (A) A public children services agency (PCSA) shall issue a protective service alert (PSA) if either of the following occurs:
- (1) The PCSA receives an abuse or neglect report and the PCSA determines that the whereabouts of the alleged child victim and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and an assessment of safety is needed.
  - (2) The PCSA determines that protective services are needed and the PCSA determines that the whereabouts of the child and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and the child remains at risk of abuse or neglect.
- (B) The PCSA shall create a PSA in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) and specify whether the PSA is to be processed as an in-state or out of state alert.
- (C) Upon creation of a PSA, the PCSA issuing the PSA shall be referenced as the originator of the PSA.
- (D) A non-originating PCSA shall notify the originator of a PSA in writing no later than the next working day if a person(s) with an active PSA has been located.
- (E) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, the originator of the PSA shall cancel the PSA.
- (F) A PSA will expire in ninety days.
- (G) A PCSA shall complete a PSA extension prior to the expiration of the PSA if the PCSA determines the child has not been located. Each PSA extension will expire ninety days from the issued date.

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