5101:2-36-14   **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 a ~~the alleged~~ child ~~victim~~ or ~~and~~ his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown, and the PCSA has reason to believe the child is in immediate danger of serious harm ~~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~~ or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and the PCSA has reason to believe 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~~ originating PCSA ~~PSA~~.

(D) A non-originating PCSA shall notify the ~~originator of a PSA~~ originating PCSA ~~in writing~~ no later than the next working day if a person(s) with an active PSA has been located and document the notification in the case record.

(E) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, the ~~originator of the PSA~~ originating PCSA shall cancel the PSA.

(F) A PSA will expire in ninety days from the issue date.

(G) ~~A~~The originating PCSA shall complete a PSA extension prior to the expiration of the PSA if the PCSA determines the child remains in immediate danger of serious harm ~~has not been located~~. Each PSA extension will expire ninety days from the ~~issued~~ issue date.

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