

Identification of Court-Ordered Family Maintenance (FM) Services

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Eligible Cases

Family Maintenance (FM) services will be the case plan goal when the protective needs of the child can be met by maintaining the child in the home.

FM Services

The table below displays when the case is identified as FM and the effective date of reporting such services, per state regulations (31-086).

When	Criteria	Effective Date
Prior to dispositional hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child receiving ER services, and Petition filed for detention and/or jurisdiction, and PSS approved the court report and the case plan with FM as the case plan goal. 	Date supervisor approves case plan.
At dispositional or review hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child declared a dependent and Court orders FM services. 	Date of hearing at which FM is ordered.
Child has the potential to be declared a dependent and the family is voluntarily accepting FM services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SW has completed a case plan recommending voluntary FM services; and The parent/guardian has reviewed and signed the case plan; and PSS approved case plan recommending FM services. 	Date supervisor approved case plan
60-day trial visit	Court approves the temporary reunification of a child with a parent in anticipation of the child being permanently reunified.	Date the child begins the trial visit.

Time Limits

The SW shall recommend that jurisdiction be terminated and the case be closed when the maximum length of time agreed upon in the case plan, or allowed under WIC 16506 (whichever occurs first), expires.

NOTE: If at any time risk to the child in the home due to a new event or a previously unknown condition leads to the child being removed, the SW will file a 387 petition. When screening the 387 petition, the SW should discuss with County Counsel whether or not to continue services.

Newborns in FM Cases

If the parent has a new child while the FM case is open, the SW will follow the policy and procedures in the Highly Vulnerable Children Protocol.

Alignment with SET

This policy aligns with SET [Value 3](#) helping children and youth achieve their full potential and develop lifelong relationships.
