

Child Protective Services: Intake

2103.17 Requests for Immediate Short-Term Emergency Care

Requirement

Respond **immediately** to a request made by a legally authorized person (person having physical and legal custody of a child, law enforcement officer, emergency personnel employed by a licensed ambulance provider, fire rescue personnel or hospital administrator/administrator's designee) for emergency care of a child (O.C.G.A. 15-11-14). If the request meets short-term care requirements:

- **Screen out** the request on Form 453 (Child Abuse/Neglect Intake Worksheet) for a CPS assessment (investigation). The reason for screen out is short-term emergency care request; and
- **Assign** the request for an immediate response to determine the child's emergency care needs, resulting from the emergency or illness of the physical and legal custodian (see 2104.5).

Procedures/Practice Issues

Complete Form 453 (Child Abuse/Neglect Intake Worksheet). Unless the report includes circumstances of abuse or neglect, other than those risks incurred by a child being without a caretaker, screen out the report for a CPS assessment (investigation).

Assign a request for immediate short-term emergency care on an already active case, if there are no elements of abuse or neglect in the report, to the assigned case manager for an immediate response.