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- **Review Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-09-01**
 - http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2009/pi0901.pdf

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Agenda (continued...)

- **Definitions**
- **SACWIS Requirements**
- **SACWIS/Private Provider Implementation Options**
- **Funding**



Definitions

- **Private Case Management (CM) Providers**
- **Private Child-Placing Agencies (CPA)**
- **Private Service Providers**



What is case management?

- Are the services to assist children and families in gaining access to medical, social, educational, and/or other services?
- For example, is the provider...
 - Assessing needs/assess for safety/risk?
 - Coordinating service delivery/make referrals?
 - Help clients access services/advocate on their behalf?
 - Visiting children/monitoring families?
 - Monitoring progress/tracking appointments?



SACWIS Requirements

- **If a State has a SACWIS and contracts with private CM providers, they must use SACWIS for case management activities.**
- **If a State has a SACWIS and private CPAs have the responsibility to place/move children, they must use SACWIS to record placements.**



When should a case management private provider use SACWIS?

A Rule of Thumb

- If the State worker would document the task in SACWIS, than the private provider documents it in SACWIS, or...
- If, absent the private provider contract, the State case manager/case worker/social worker would do the task, it should be in SACWIS.



What about Tribes?

- Tribes, as sovereign nations, cannot be required to use the SACWIS of a State. We do encourage Tribes to consider using a State's SACWIS, but it is a tribal decision. But...
- If a Tribe contracts with a State to provide case management, the Tribe is a case management provider and the SACWIS requirement applies.



SACWIS/Private Provider Implementation Options

- 1. SACWIS is the only system used by all CM providers**
- 2. SACWIS is the only CM system, but CM providers use other systems for non-SACWIS functions**
- 3. Both option 1 and option 2**



Integrating SACWIS and Private Providers

- Require SACWIS use in contracts**
- Educate private providers on SACWIS**
- Reduction in private provider administrative costs**
- Consider private provider needs in SACWIS**



Funding Notes

- **Private providers must be under contract for States to receive Federal reimbursement**
- **SACWIS equipment reimbursement allowed only to the extent private providers perform SACWIS-define activities**
- **SACWIS equipment is the property of the State IV-B/IV-E agency**
- **Equipment must meet a reasonable standard**