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Announcement 495

Fingerprint-based Criminal History and Child Abuse and Neglect Screening (CANS) Requirements

The following announcement applies to all Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check Up providers:

In order to comply with the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act of 2006, a full, fingerprint-based criminal history and Child Abuse and Neglect Screening (CANS) must be conducted for all prospective foster/adoptive parent(s) and household members over the age of eighteen (18) prior to the placement of children in foster/adoptive homes. This requirement also extends to employees or volunteers **and any persons providing care to foster children.**

Additional background investigations must be conducted every five (5) years thereafter. More information can be found at the Division of Child and Family Services website at dcfs.state.nv.us.