

UCR Regulations: technical changes made as a result of public comment and other non substantive changes making regulatory language consistent across sections; these changes impose no new requirements:

- Added amendments to 423.2 and 423.4 (preventive) to conform with the single case planner requirement of 428.2 (c) including clarifying the allowance of caseworkers (other than case planners) to perform required casework contacts under the direction of the case planner;
- Deleted “serious” from the definition of mandated preventive in 428.2 to conform with statute and revised the language to more accurately reflect the applicable statutory provisions to avoid any confusion;
- Deleted “certified” as a modifier of birth certificates as it relates to documents that must be retained in foster care cases;
- Added “child’s” immigration status to clarify required documentation for foster care cases;
- Added phrase “not residing with a parent and who are” in foster care or an alternative placement setting...to clarify the population encompassed in foster care or an alternative placement setting, for a list of activities and events that must be included in progress notes and added “as applicable” to distinguish that not every item on the list would apply to alternative placement settings;
- Deleted “clinical records and” from the definition of health and medical records as the term relates to a definition of the foster care record and access by former foster children;
- Added “of the foster child” to modify educational records;
- Added an amendment to 432.2 (protective) to conform with the single case planner requirement of 428.2 (c);
- Added amendments to 441.21 (foster care) to conform with the single case planner requirement of 428.2 (c);
- Repealed paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 428.3, as it is no longer applicable and was inconsistent with the requirements in section 428.3 (b) (1) that all listed items making up the UCR, including the Plan Amendment, be in the form and manner prescribed by OCFS; and
- Added amendment to the newly renumbered paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of the newly renumbered section 428.10 to cross-reference the expungement standard for preventive only cases as referenced in 18 NYCRR 466.5, and the sealing standard for adoption records consistent with section 114 of the Domestic Relations Law.