TFACTS Storyboard - Adding Removal Reason of NAS Prosecution (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome)



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This storyboard demonstrates how to add the 'NAS Prosecution' removal reason and includes the guidelines for using this removal reason.

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Details of NAS Prosecution Legislation

PUBLIC CHAPTER 820 (PC 820) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS) IN TENNESSEE (Last Revised June 24, 2014) During 2014, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Public Chapter 820, effective April 24, 2014, which amends T.C.A. § 39-13-107. The new law provides that a woman can be charged with a misdemeanor if she illegally uses narcotics during pregnancy and if the baby is harmed as a result (ex. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome). The intent of PC 820 is to give law enforcement and district attorneys a tool to address illicit drug use among pregnant women, through treatment programs including drug courts and particularly in egregious cases such as more than one NAS delivery. PC 820 contains a sunset provision in two years. The state of Tennessee is committed to tracking the impact of the law on mothers and babies. There are several other provisions in law or rule regarding NAS in Tennessee that may cause confusion or uncertainty, particularly among care providers.

Guidelines for Using NAS Prosecution as a Removal Reason

The removal reason of NAS Prosecution should only be selected if directed by a DCS Attorney. No other removal reason should be selected in conjunction with the NAS Prosecution. The legislation liaison will monitor cases in which NAS Prosecution has been selected as a removal reason for insured data accuracy.

Add NAS Prosecution as a Removal Reason

Step 1: Add Removal Reason

A Removal Record is entered after the Court Order and Legal Status have been entered. If this has not been done, see the **Add SS Court Order, Legal Status, and Removal Record** storyboard located on Knowledge Base. Do not select any other Removal Reason in conjunction with NAS Prosecution.

To add a Removal Reason of NAS Prosecution to an existing Removal Record:

- 1. On the Case Overview screen of the family case, click Removal Records in the left navigation bar
- 2. Click **Select** next to the child's name
- 3. From the Available Removal Reasons box, select NAS Prosecution and click Add> to move to Selected Removal Reasons box.
- Do not select any other removal reason in conjunction with NAS Prosecution. If there are any other Removal Reasons listed in the Selected Removal Reasons box, remove them by highlighting and clicking <Remove.

You have completed this storyboard.