The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing & Accreditation is requiring the implementation of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is established to ensure changes are made to achieve and maintain compliance with the identified Administrative Rule(s) of South Dakota (ARSD).

**Agency:**
Our Home Connections

**ARSD – Out of Compliance**
Our Home Connections was found to be out of compliance with the underlined portion of the following Administrative Rules of South Dakota:

**67:42:09:17. Foster care services.** The agency shall establish written policies for providing foster care services that include at least the following:

1. A case plan to be developed within 30 days after the child's placement in foster care. The plan shall include a statement of where the child is being placed and assurances that this placement is the least restrictive setting available for the child; a statement regarding the necessity of the foster care placement; a description of the services which are to be provided to the child and the child's family to facilitate a permanent plan for the child; and projected dates for attaining the established goals;

2. Continuing casework services to the child's parents and to the child to prepare them for the child's eventual return or to prepare them for other permanent plans being made for the child;

3. Continuing casework services to the child and the child's foster parents as indicated in the child's case plan. The child's social worker shall visit the child and the child's foster parents at least once a month;

4. Continuing contacts between the child's parents and their children unless parental rights have been terminated or either the court which has jurisdiction over the child or the child placement agency which has been assigned care, custody, and control of the child has determined that the contacts would be detrimental to the child's welfare;

5. Regular educational instruction for children of school age; and

6. Closure of a child's case. Closure of a case may occur only after a permanent plan has been established and services are no longer required.

**Source:** 7 SDR 66, 7 SDR 89, effective July 1, 1981; 12 SDR 187, effective May 29, 1986; 39 SDR 220, effective June 27, 2013.

**General Authority:** SDCL 26-6-16.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 26-6-16.

**Cross-Reference:** Definition of case plan, subdivision 67:42:01:01(8).
**Non-Compliance Finding:**

Treatment plans reviewed during the on-site license renewal visit conducted on August 16, 2022 did not contain projected dates for attaining the established goals. The agency’s treatment plan format was updated during the on-site visit to ensure dates are established on future plans.

**Action Needed:**

Treatment plans for current children in foster care need to be updated to establish projected dates for attaining established goals.

**Submit plan by:**

August 31, 2022

**Corrective Action Plan (Attach documents if needed):**

Treatment plans for current children in foster care have been updated to include projected dates for attaining established goals as of August 17, 2022. The treatment plan template for future youth has also been updated to include a space for projected dates for attaining established goals as of August 17, 2022.

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**Date Corrective Action Plan Implemented:** Treatment plan format was updated during on-site visit.

**Date of Expected Completion:** August 17, 2022.

Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and submitted a plan to comply with the identified portions of ARSD to the Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

[Signature of Agency Director]  [Date]

The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.

[Signature of Licensing Staff]  [Date]