

**DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #15-2011**

To: All Children and Family Services Staff

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RE: LB 479, Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-436 revised

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Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to inform staff about a revision to Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-436 to provide that for a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence eighteen years of age, consent of or notification to the parent(s), guardian, or any other person having custody of the sexual assault or domestic violence victim, is not required for the collection of forensic evidence or medical examination or treatment.

Impact: This means that for wards who are eighteen, who have been a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, no notification to the Department, or consent for treatment from Department staff is required. The youth may give consent for the collection of physical evidence, and may consent for diagnostic examination and treatment themselves.