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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires La. Dept. of Health (LDH) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to transfer public assistance benefits in certain circumstances

Proposed law requires the DCFS to report to the LDH within 72 hours of a child being placed in the custody of DCFS.

Proposed law requires LDH, upon receipt of a report from DCFS, to immediately:

- (1) Review whether either of the child's parents is receiving any public assistance benefits as a result of the child being included in the parent's household.
- (2) Adjust any SNAP, WIC, or FITAP benefits for the parent's household to reflect the change in circumstance.
- (3) If the child is enrolled in Medicaid, issue a new Medicaid managed care insurance card for the child at the child's new residence.

Proposed law requires DCFS to report to LDH if a child under the age of 18 is returned to the custody of the child's parent.

Proposed law requires LDH to conduct an assessment to determine where a child is residing and adjust the benefits allotment accordingly if LDH receives an application for benefits for a child who is included in another household that receives benefits.

Proposed law requires LDH to report any individual who failed to report a change in household circumstances and is receiving public assistance benefits for a child who is no longer living in the household to the department's fraud unit.

(Adds R.S. 46:109)