

Sec. 17a-15. (Formerly Sec. 17-421). Development of treatment and permanent placement plan. Review of plan.

Modifications. Application for review. Hearing. Procedure. (a) The commissioner shall prepare and maintain a written case plan for care, treatment and permanent placement of every child under the commissioner's supervision, which shall include, but not be limited to, a diagnosis of the problems of each child, the proposed plan of treatment services and temporary placement and a goal for permanent placement of the child, which may include reunification with the parent, transfer of guardianship, adoption or, for a child sixteen years of age or older, another planned permanent living arrangement. The child's health and safety shall be the paramount concern in formulating the plan. If the parent is incarcerated, the proposed plan of treatment services shall: (1) include the services reasonably available and accessible by the parent at the facility where the parent is confined; and (2) provide for visitation with the child unless visitation is not in the best interest of the child.

(b) The commissioner shall at least every six months, review the plan of each child under the commissioner's supervision for the purpose of determining whether such plan is appropriate and make any appropriate modifications to such plan. If a parent is unable to participate in person in such review due to incarceration, such parent shall have the option to participate through the use of a teleconference or videoconference.

(c) Any child or the parent or guardian of such child aggrieved by any provision of a plan prepared under subsection (a) of this section, or by the commissioner's decision upon review under subsection (b) of this section, or any child or the parent or guardian of such child aggrieved by a refusal of any other service from the commissioner to which the child is entitled, shall be provided a hearing within thirty days following a written request for the same directed to the commissioner.

(d) Upon motion of any sibling of any child committed to the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 46b-129, in any pending hearing held pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, such sibling shall have the right to be heard concerning visitation with, and placement of, any such child.

(e) Any hearing held pursuant to a request made under subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall be conducted as a

contested case in accordance with chapter 54 provided: (1) A final decision shall be rendered within fifteen days following the close of evidence and filing of briefs; and (2) any appeal of a decision pursuant to section 4-183 shall be to the district of the superior court for juvenile matters, where the child is located, as established in section 46b-142.