FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT: PART IV

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENT INTO A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP) AND COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY (CTF)

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DEFINITION, PURPOSE, ACTIVITIES

Definition

- A QI is a trained professional or licensed clinician
- Not employed by the placing agency (CWS or Probation)

Purpose

- Determine and document whether the assessed behavioral health needs and goals of the youth/NMD can be met in:
  - a family-based setting,
  - a Tribally Approved Home (TAH), or
  - if a higher level of care is needed

Activities

- Engage members of the CFT
- Review comprehensive reports related to the youth's functioning
- Conduct or review the CANS tool to identify the strengths and needs of the youth
- Make a recommendation about the most appropriate placement setting and interventions

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QI ASSESSMENT REQUIRED WHEN:

1. CFT recommends placement in an STRTP or CTF, in both Dependency and Voluntary Services cases
2. Youth/NMD has a Change of Placement into an STRTP
3. Youth is absent from their STRTP placement for more than 14 days, even if returning to the same STRTP
4. Youth/NMD's anticipated placement will be an STRTP or CTF due to:
   - *removal from current placement*
   - *discharge from a psychiatric hospitalization*
   - *the youth/NMD's current placement (STRTP/CTF/family-based setting) gave notice of removal*

QI ASSESSMENT **NOT** REQUIRED WHEN:

1. Family-based placement is considered by the CFT
2. Youth/NMD returns to the same STRTP/CTF within14-days
3. Youth/NMD is stepping down from an STRTP into a family-based placement
4. Youth is placed through AAP
5. Private placements are made, ie. no open CWS case

QI PROCESS FLOW

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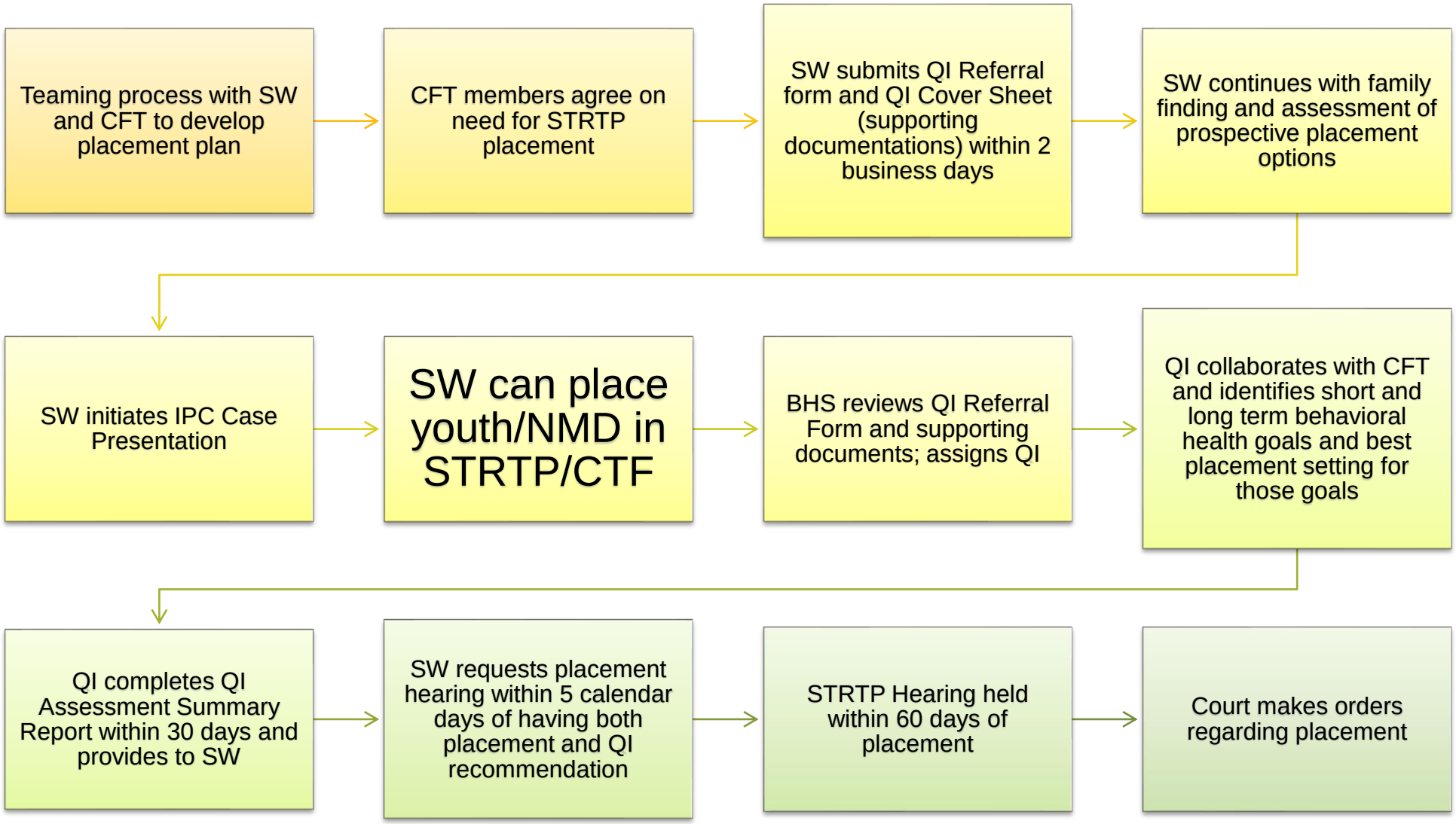
STRTP/CTF PLACEMENT



QI ASSESSMENT REPORT

Enclosure B – Qualified Individual Assessment Report	
Child/Youth/Nonminor Dependent Name:	**Date of Birth:**
Court ID#:	**Medi-Cal Client Identification #:**
County of Jurisdiction:	**Date Referred:**
Lead Agency:	**Caseworker Contact Information:**
Completed by:	**Date Completed:**
Tribal Affiliation:	**Tribal Contact Information:**

Section I: Integrated Summary and Recommendation

Provide an integrated summary of the data gathered during the assessment that informed the development of the recommendations.

☐ RECOMMEND PLACEMENT WITH FAMILY OR IN ANOTHER FAMILY BASED SETTING.

☐ DO NOT RECOMMEND PLACEMENT WITH FAMILY OR IN ANOTHER FAMILY BASED SETTING.

MOST APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE RECOMMENDED:

Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP) Print Name

LMHP Signature	Date

QI PROCESS COMPLETION

01/2022-07/2022

- 29 Initial Referrals: only 1 over 30 days, completed on day 31
  - Average time to completion: 25 days (range 9-31 days)
- 28 COP referrals: 1 referrals completed over 30 days*
  - Average time to completion: 25 days (range 10-30 days)
- All QI assessments recommended STRTP placement

*One outlier was not added into the average time to completion. The QI referral was not processed timely but once BHS was made aware of it, the referral only 7 days to completion.

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