I.JR. 16. Expanding A Juvenile Corrections Act Proceeding To A Child Protective Act Proceeding (J.C.A.)

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(a) If at any stage of a J.C.A. proceeding the court has reasonable cause to believe that a juvenile living or found within the state is neglected, abused, abandoned, homeless, or whose parent(s) or other legal custodian fails or is unable to provide a stable home environment, as set forth in I.C. Section 16-1603, the court may order the proceeding expanded to a C.P.A. proceeding or direct the Department of Health and Welfare to investigate the circumstances of the juvenile and his or her family and report to the court as provided in I.C. § 16-1616. Any order expanding the proceeding to a C.P.A. proceeding must be in writing and contain the factual basis found by the court to support its order. The order shall direct that copies of all court documents, studies, reports, evaluations, and other records in the court files, probation files, and juvenile corrections files relating to the juvenile/child be made available to the Department of Health and Welfare at its request.

(b) Upon expanding the proceeding to a C.P.A., the court may order the juvenile placed in shelter care under the C.P.A. if that is in the best interest of the juvenile and needed for the juvenile's protection. If the juvenile is placed in shelter care, a shelter care hearing under the C.P.A. must be held within 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and notice thereof shall be given to the juveniles parents(s), guardian, or custodian, and to the Department of Health and Welfare.

(c) A copy of the order expanding a J.C.A. proceeding to a C.P.A. proceeding shall be given to the juvenile's parent(s), guardian, or custodian, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the prosecuting attorney and other counsel of record, and the Department of Juvenile Corrections if the juvenile is currently under commitment to the Department, pursuant to these rules and the rules of civil procedure.

(d) No further C.P.A. petition will be required. A petition may be filed to include other children that come within the jurisdiction of the C.P.A. but who are not before the court under the Juvenile Corrections Act. Any petition must be filed 14 days before the date set for the adjudicatory hearing. Any adjudicatory hearing pursuant to I.C. Section 16-1619 will be held within 30 days of the court's determination to expand the proceeding to a C.P.A. proceeding. A notice of the hearing will be served upon the parent(s), the Department of Health and Welfare, the juvenile, and the Department of Juvenile Corrections if the juvenile is currently under commitment to the Department, as though a petition under the C.P.A. has been filed. The burden of going forward with the evidence at the adjudicatory hearing shall remain with the prosecuting attorney.

(e) The proceeding under the J.C.A. will continue unless otherwise ordered by the court. The court may consolidate hearings under both the J.C.A. and the C.P.A. if the purposes of both acts can be served and the rights of the participants are not prejudiced.

(f) The Department of Juvenile Corrections shall have standing as an interested party in the child protective action if the juvenile is in the custody of the Department.

(g) Form of order expanding the Juvenile Correction Act proceeding to a Child Protective Act proceeding. The order expanding the Juvenile Correction Act proceeding to a Child Protective Act proceeding shall substantially conform to the following format:

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(h) Form of order directing the Department of Health and Welfare to investigate. The order directing the Department of Health and Welfare to investigate the circumstances of the juvenile and his or her family shall substantially conform to the following:

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