

Par.1. **Material Transmitted and Purpose** – Transmitted with this Manual Letter are the changes to Manual Chapter 624-05, Permanency Planning. Portions of the manual are being moved to new manual, 615-05 “ND Child Welfare Policy and Practice” in efforts to streamline information and eliminate duplication. Eventually this manual will be archived and no longer operational. Nothing new has been added, only sections removed this quarter.

Par. 2. **Effective Date** – Changes included in this manual letter are effective on or after January 1, 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

Par. 3. **Issued By** – This manual letter was initiated by Case Management Redesign efforts and is overseen by Children and Family Services administration. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelsey Bless at kmbless@nd.gov or Leah Honeyman at lehoneyman@nd.gov.

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