

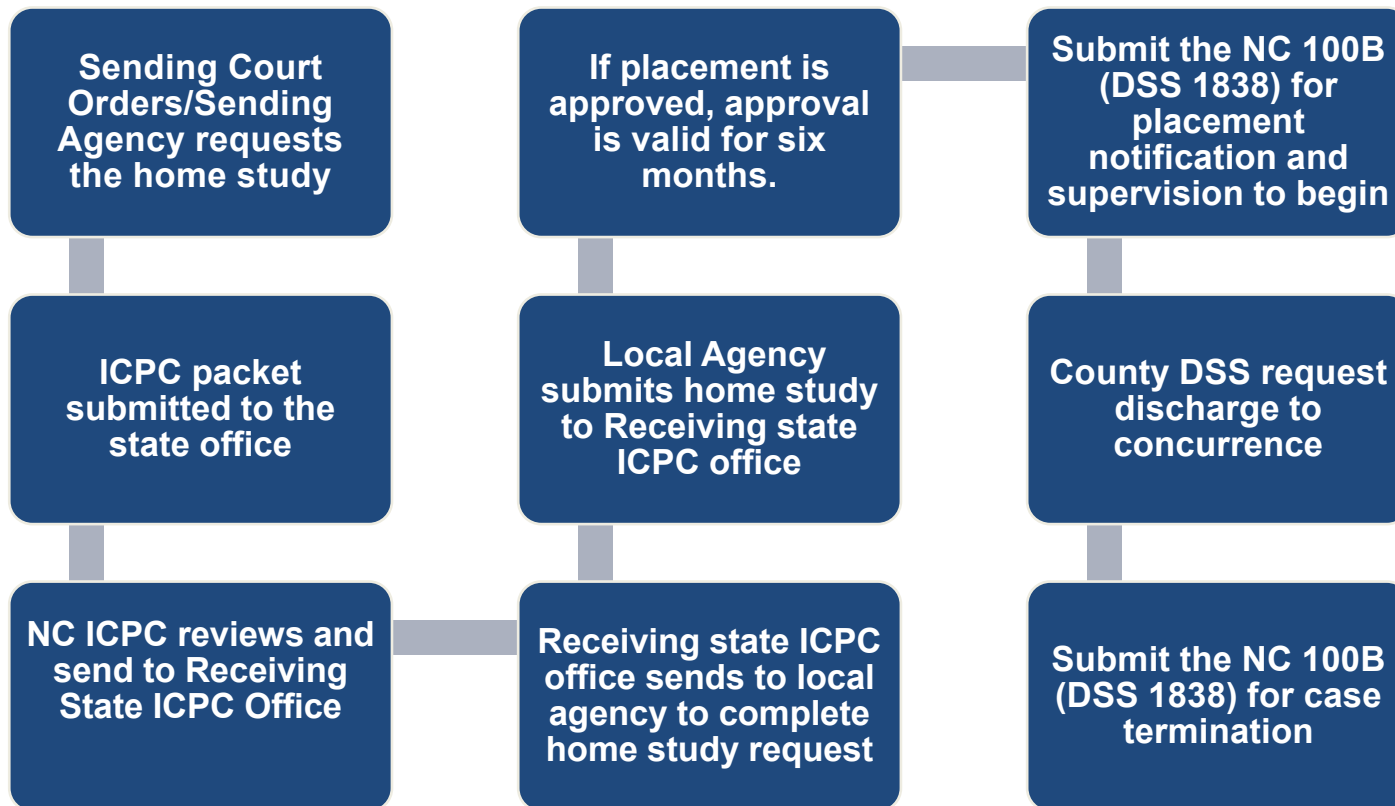
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**Understanding the Interstate Compact on the
Placement of Children**

Guidance for North Carolina Judicial Practice

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ICPC Process Flow Sending State



Electronic Processing System



All ICPC requests are submitted electronically



NEICE (National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise)



Clearinghouse Direct State

What's in the ICPC Request Packet?

ICPC 100A form (DSS-1837)

Court order and legal documents

Child's case history, services plan, and health records

Placement resource information

Financial and medical plan

ICPC Time Frames

Limits/Denials/Reconsideration

- Placement Approval: 6 months
(May exceed for approved licensed foster families)
- Residential Placement: 30 days
- Placement Extension
- Reconsideration process
(Within 90 days)

Provisional Approvals

Provisional Approval: Initial placement approval prior to the ICPC being completed

- Regulation 1
 - Within (5) business days
- Regulation 7
 - Within (7) calendar days
- Regulation 2
 - Case specific

(Performing a physical walk through of the home, child abuse registry check, local criminal check and providing a written report of the appropriateness of the placement resource)

Expedited vs. Non-Expedited Placements

- Expedited (Regulation 7):
 - Requires 20 business day home study response
 - Do not apply to foster and adoption requests
 - Do not apply if the child is already placed in the home
- Non-Expedited:
 - General requests follow Regulation 2
 - Requires 60 calendar day home study response.

Regulation 7- Expedited Request

- Relative Requirement
- Criteria required before Regulation No. 7 can be requested:
 - (a) unexpected dependency
 - (b) the child is four years of age or younger (including older siblings)
 - (c) has a substantial relationship with the proposed placement resource.
 - (d) child currently in an emergency placement
- Do not apply to foster or adoption requests
- Do not apply if child is already placed in the home
- Provisional Approval Option

DSS 1839
Order of
Compliance

Regulation 7 Processing Time Frame



Judge Order
and signs
DSS 1839;
sends to
DSS

**2 Business
Days**



DSS sends
to State
ICPC

**3 Business
Days**



ICPC State
Office sends
to Receiving
State ICPC

**2 Business
Days**



Receiving
State ICPC
sends to
Receiving
Agency

**2 business
Days**



Receiving
agency
sends to
Receiving
state ICPC

**15 business
days**



Receiving
state ICPC
sends to
Sending
state ICPC

**3 business
days**

Courtesy Check vs. Home Study



Courtesy/

Courtesy Check:

Informal, non-binding;
used when ICPC does
not apply



Home Study: Formal,
required for ICPC
approval; includes
background checks,
interviews, and safety
assessment

Placement vs Visit

Purpose/Duration/Intention

Visit

- Stay is less than 30 days; exception for beginning and ending of school break
- A school experience of shorter than duration

Placement

- A proposed stay longer than 30 days
- Pending ICPC request establish intent for placement
- From the circumstances, duration of visit is not clear
- From the Onset, stay do not have an end date

Concurrence to Discharge



Prior to case closure, the sending state must comply with Article V Retention of Jurisdiction

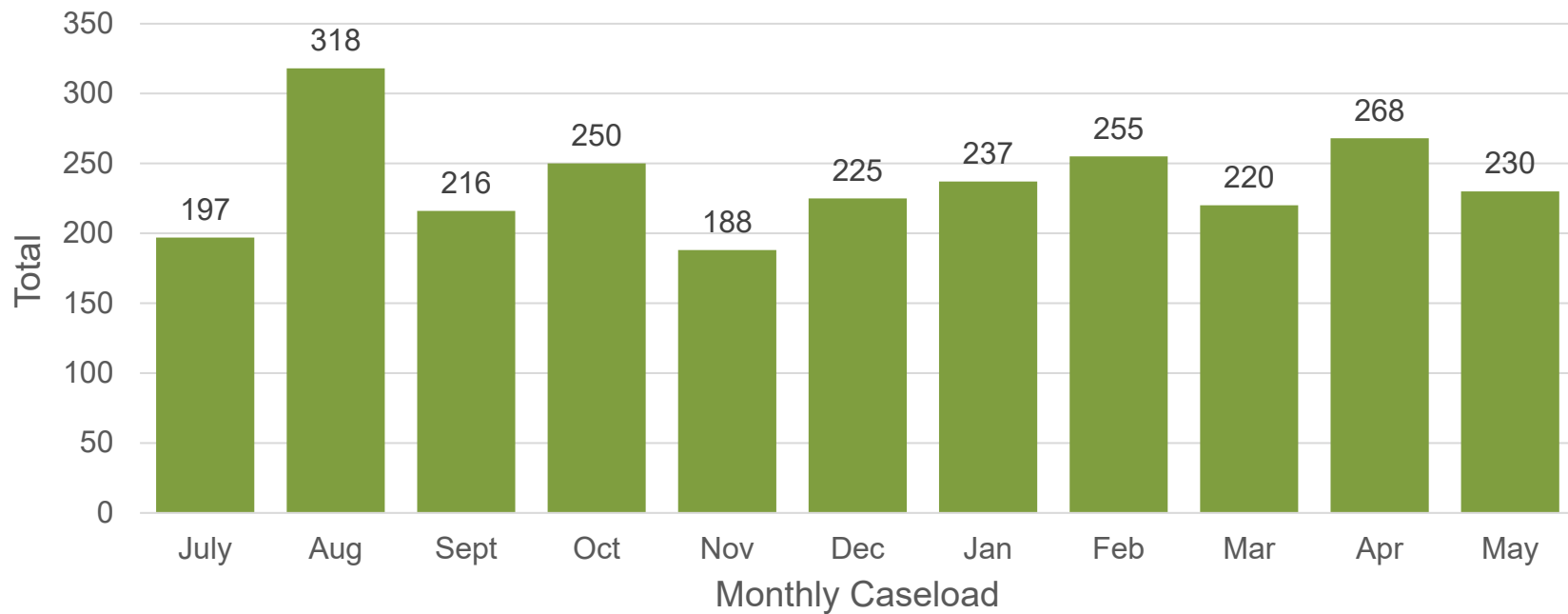
- Request to the receiving state for agreement to terminate supervision and relinquish jurisdiction
- Failure to Adhere is consider a Violation

Judicial Best Practices

Include	Include ICPC language in orders when applicable
Avoid	Avoid Violations
Consider	Consider Regulation 7 eligibility
Respect	Respect timeframes
Prevent	Prevent extended visits (over 30 days) without approval
Prevent	Prevent case closure without state concurrence
Coordinate	Coordinate with the ICPC office on complex cases

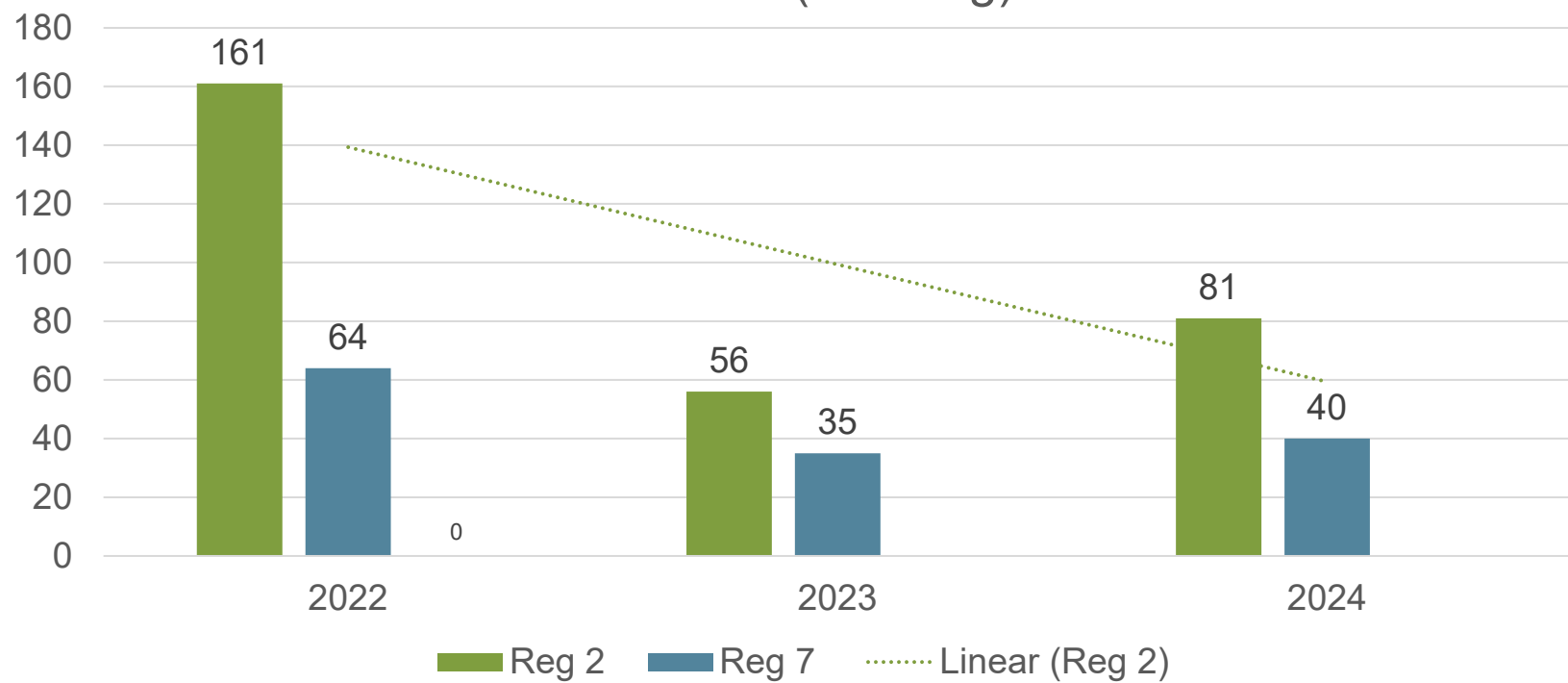
ICPC Case Volume and Compliance Data

NC ICPC Caseload Volume



NCDHHS CWIS Systems

Median Days to Placement Decision by Regulation (Sending)



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