

health, or substance abuse professional or staff, no later than 5 working days after the screening, shall conduct a comprehensive mental health or substance abuse assessment of the child.

(4) The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

(i) May not disclose to any person any information received by the Departments relating to a specific mental health and substance abuse screening or assessment conducted under this section that could identify the child who was the subject of the screening or assessment; and

(ii) May make public other information unless prohibited by law.

(5) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene jointly shall adopt any regulation necessary to carry out this subsection.

(d) (1) The intake officer MAY AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PETITION OR A PEACE ORDER REQUEST OR BOTH or the local department may authorize the filing of a petition if, based upon the complaint and the inquiry, the intake officer or the local department concludes that the court has jurisdiction over the matter and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child.

(2) An inquiry need not include an interview of the child who is the subject of the complaint if the complaint alleges the commission of [a delinquent] AN act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or alleges a violation of Article 27, § 36B of the Code.

(3) In delinquency cases, the need for restitution may be considered by the intake officer as one factor in the public interest.

(4) The intake officer or the local department shall inform the following persons of [the] ANY authorization decision SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION and the reasons for the decision:

(i) The child who is the subject of the complaint, if practicable;

(ii) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child who is the subject of the complaint;

(iii) The victim;

(iv) The arresting police officer; and

(v) The person or agency that filed the complaint or caused it to be filed.

(e) (1) The intake officer may propose an informal adjustment of the matter if based on the complaint and the inquiry, the intake officer concludes that the court has jurisdiction but that an informal adjustment, rather than judicial action, is in the best interests of the public and the child.