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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

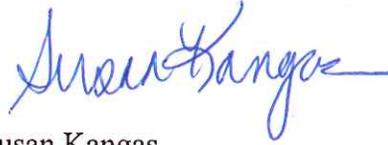
This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act, PA 59 of 2013, Article X, Section 511. This section requires that DHS submit a quarterly report on the number and percentage of children who received timely health examinations after entry into foster care and the number and percentage of children entering foster care who received a required mental health examination after entry into foster care.

DHS evaluates the needs of children placed into foster care under the supervision of the department within 30 days of placement. The assessments conducted specifically require evaluation of medical and emotional/mental health issues and that evaluation drives the development and delivery of appropriate services.

Further, as a function of compliance with the modified settlement agreement, DHS evaluates the completion of initial medical and mental health screenings for children entering foster care. Every six months, the Children's Services Administration, Division of Continuous Quality Improvement, evaluates initial medical and mental health screenings through a case review of a representative sample of children that entered foster care during a defined three-month period. Case reviews conducted the week of July 14, 2014, for children who entered into foster care between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014, indicated that 64.9 percent of children received timely physical health examinations after entry into foster care. For the same sample, 48.5 percent of the children received the required mental health screening at the time of the physical exam.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Campau, executive assistant to Deputy Director Steve Yager, at (517) 241-3294.

Sincerely,



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Senate and House Standing Committees on Families and Human Services