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The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Earl Poleski, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator MacGregor and Representative Poleski:

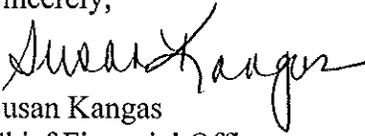
This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article X, Section 511. This section requires the department submit a quarterly report on the number and percentage of children who received timely health examinations after 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.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) 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, MDHHS 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 during the week of January 26, 2015, for children who entered into foster care between July 1, 2014, and September 30, 2014, indicated that 77.42 percent of children received timely physical health examinations after entry into foster care. For the same sample, 56.45 percent of 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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