

The Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Timely Health Examinations and Required Mental Health Examinations After Entry Into Foster Care

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Sec. 511. *The department shall submit a report quarterly 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.*



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) evaluates the health needs of children placed into foster care under the supervision of the department within 30 days of placement. The assessments specifically require an evaluation of medical and emotional/mental health issues and the results of the assessment drives the development and delivery of appropriate services.

Historically, the Division of Continuous Quality Improvement had completed a case review of a sample of children that entered foster care during a defined three-month period. MDHHS now extracts monthly medical exam and mental health screening data reports from information recorded in the Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (MiSACWIS).

For the period of January 2016, through August 2016, MDHHS had a compliance rate of 75 percent for timely completion of the 7,777 simultaneous medical and mental health exams completed within 30 days of the child's placement into foster care.