

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 provide quarterly reports to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house standing committees on families and human services, and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices 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 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 Agency's, 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 are scheduled to occur during the weeks of January 18, 2016, and January 25, 2016, for children who entered into foster care between July 1, and September 30, 2015.

Data on the number and percentage of children who have received timely health examinations and who have received a required mental health examination after entry to foster care will be available in the next quarterly report.