

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 (2). *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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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 Implementation, Sustainability and Exit Plan (ISEP), MDHHS evaluates the completion of initial medical and mental health screenings for children entering foster care. Every six months, the MDHHS 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 conducted during the weeks of Jan. 18, 2016, and Jan. 25, 2016, for children who entered into foster care between July 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2015, indicated 75 percent received timely physical health examinations after entry into foster care. For the same sample, 46 percent of children entering foster care received a required mental health screen examination after entry into foster care.