

Medical Passports

(FY 2017 Appropriation Act - Public Act 268 of 2016)

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Sec. 567. (1) *The caseworker or supervisor who is assigned to a foster care case is responsible for completing a medical passport for the cases assigned to him or her. If a child in foster care is transferred to a new placement or returned to his or her parent's or guardian's home, the medical passport and any school records in the caseworkers' or supervisors' possession must be transferred within 2 weeks from the date of placement or return to the home.*

(2) *The department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office by March 1 of the current fiscal year a report on the items described in subsection (1), including the following:*

- (a)** *The percentage of medical passports that were properly filled out.*
- (b)** *From the total medical passports transferred, the percentage that transferred within 2 weeks from the date of placement or return to the home.*
- (c)** *From the total school records, the percentage that transferred within 2 weeks from the date of placement or return to the home.*
- (d)** *The implementation steps that have been taken to improve the outcomes for the measures in subdivisions (a) and (b).*



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MDHHS evaluates the completion of the medical passports and the transfer of medical passports to current caregivers. In FY 2016, the Children’s Services Agency’s, Division of Continuous Quality Improvement (DCQI) completed a case review of a representative sample of children entering foster care and children in foster care for more than one year with a change in placement. The following tables are a summary of data regarding the medical passport:

Medical Passports Properly Filled Out	Applicable	Met Requirement	% Achievement
January 1, 2016- June 30, 2016	720	169	23.4%

Medical Passport Provided to Current Caregiver on Date of Placement	Applicable	Met Requirement	% Achievement
January 1, 2016- June 30, 2016	483	291	60.2%

Medical Passport transferred Within 2 Weeks to Caregiver or Parent/Legal Guardian Upon Child’s Return to Own Home	Applicable	Met Requirement	% Achievement
October 1, 2015–September 30, 2016	11,248	10,396	92.4%

Education Record Transfer to New Placement Within 2 Weeks of Date of Placement or Return to Home	# of Placement Changes for Youth Age 6-16	Met Requirement	% Achievement
October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016	7,020	6,939	98.8%

**Education record transfer data includes placement changes for youth age 6-18 in which education information was transferred to the provider. This reflects available data and does not include placement changes in which the user did not enter a proper transfer date.*

To provide caregivers and parents with relevant and needed health information to meet the child’s health needs at placement and return home, MDHHS has worked to obtain access to CareConnect 360 for direct MDHHS foster care staff. CareConnect 360 is a web-based system drawing information from the MDHHS Medical Services Data Warehouse specific to Medicaid paid claims and encounters for Medicaid beneficiaries. The data includes Medicaid eligibility and enrollment information, claims and encounter data for behavioral and physical health, lab work, dental, school-based services and pharmacy information. CareConnect 360 access was provided to MDHHS health liaison

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officers in June 2016. In September 2016, MDHHS direct care workers and supervisors received access. PAFC (Private Adoption Foster Care) workers and supervisors will receive access in early 2017.

With this information, workers are able to produce a medical passport that will provide parents and caregivers with the child's necessary health needs at placement and when returning to their own home.

Foster care education policy was updated in May 2015, to require educational records contained in the child's case file be provided to a caregiver or parent within two weeks of placement, replacement or reunification. In October 2015, a data element was added in MiSACWIS (Michigan's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System) to record the date educational records contained in the foster care case file were provided to the placement. A communication memorandum was released December 14, 2015, providing instruction to field workers on how to document the transfer of education records to the parent or caregiver and additional instruction was provided during monthly supervisor calls in May, September and December 2016. Technical assistance regarding documentation of education records continues to be provided to child welfare staff.