

Medical Passports

(FY 2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

March 1, 2021

Sec. 567. 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 transfer of medical passports for children in foster care, including the following:

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



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) tracks the transfer of medical passports to parents and caregivers of children in foster care. The transfer of the medical passport within two weeks of placement change is measured through Michigan Statewide Automatic Child Welfare Information System (MiSACWIS) data.

The following is a summary of the data obtained from MiSACWIS for FY 2020:

Medical Passport Transfer Within 2 Weeks of Placement or to Parent/Legal Guardian Upon Return to Own Home	# of Placement Changes	Met Requirement	% Achievement
October 1, 2019–September 30, 2020	13,817	10,807	78.22%

Implementation Steps Taken to Improve Outcomes

The MDHHS Child Welfare Medical Unit provides child welfare staff ongoing policy assistance and training regarding the medical passport.

Education Record Transfer

Foster care education policy requires educational records contained in the child’s case file be provided to a caregiver or parent within two weeks of placement, replacement, or reunification.

The following is a summary of the data obtained from MiSACWIS for FY 2020:

Education Record Transfer to New Placement Within 2 Weeks of Date of Placement or Return to Home	# of Placement Changes for Youth Age 6-18	Met Requirement	% Achievement
October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020	7,045	6,747	95.8%

Implementation Steps Taken to Improve Outcome

Technical assistance and training continue to be provided to child welfare staff regarding this requirement.