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To: Principals and Superintendents of all Michigan Public, Private and Parochial Schools

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Subject: Reporting Dental Screenings for Kindergarten Entrants

[Public Act 316 of 2023](#) sets forth the requirement that all children in Michigan enrolling into their first year of school receive an oral health assessment (“dental screening”) prior to starting school. This new requirement begins with the 2024-2025 school year. School administrators are required to report the total number of kindergarten students that receive a dental screening to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), by November 1st of each year.

The Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) can be accessed by school administrators and allows for the reporting of dental screenings to MDHHS. A “Dental Screened” checkbox can now be found on the MCIR health record for kindergarteners. Schools that receive a record from a parent, guardian, person in loco parentis, or local health department stating that a dental screening has been completed, should select the “Dental Screened” checkbox in the MCIR. All documentation to support that a dental screening was completed must be retained in the student’s health file. Selecting this box in the MCIR indicates a student received a dental screening and will fulfill the school reporting requirement outlined above; this is the only documentation required by MDHHS.

Note that a child should not be excluded from school attendance if the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child does not present a completed record of a dental screening to administrators on or before the first day of school.

More information and supportive materials can be found on the [MDHHS KOHA website](#).

Should you or your support personnel have questions regarding the kindergarten oral health assessments, please contact Kyle Norman; normank3@michigan.gov or (517) 285-2305.