

# MDHHS HEALTH LIAISON OFFICERS

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# The primary role of a Health Liaison Officer is to promote and provide direction for improved health outcomes for all children in foster care.

## Health Liaison Officers serve the following functions:



Provide coordination, direction, oversight and guidance for the health care needs of foster children to foster care and/or birth parents, child welfare workers and supervisors including private agency foster care staff and MDHHS central office personnel.



Function as the foster care liaison with the Medicaid Health Plans, Community Mental Health and other medical, dental and behavioral providers.



Help ensure appropriate Medicaid coverage and physical/medical, dental, developmental and mental health services for foster children are administered.



Provide technical assistance with Medicaid, Medicaid enrollment, Medicaid health plans and with child welfare and provider systems.



Conduct presentations/trainings for MDHHS/private agency staff and other community stakeholders on an ongoing or as needed basis.



Assist staff to ensure medical and dental exams are scheduled to occur timely by tracking exam due dates, providing correspondence/forms to foster parents, and collaborating with workers and supervisors to obtain information and documentation.



Assist staff to ensure informed consent documentation is completed accurately and on file for every psychotropic medication prescribed to a child in foster care.



Provide county level oversight of MDHHS children's health polices and provide timely feedback to staff and management/administration regarding compliance and barriers.