

## **Foster Care: How do I find out when health appointments are scheduled?**

**Following are the steps to find out when health/mental health appointments are scheduled:**

When a child in foster care is assigned to you (new to foster care or transitioning to your caseload):

1. Ask birth/legal parents for names and contact information for their child's health care providers or access Care Connect 360 to identify current primary care providers and other providers who have been working with youth.
2. Contact each provider office:
  - Explain your role.
  - Ask how often routine appointments are usually scheduled – this will vary by provider.
  - Ask to be notified of scheduled appointments (routine or urgent) along with foster parents.
  - Ask the best way to keep provider updated if you have any concerns.
  - Provide information about the child's legal status and current status of visitation with birth/legal parents – problem solve parent engagement if needed.

When a child transitions from your caseload to another caseworker, let the new caseworker know about the contacts you have made and the information you have.