

Medical and Dental Examinations

The Child Protection Worker must arrange for every child in care via a Plan of Care Agreement, or Temporary or Permanent Custody Order to have a medical exam within seven (7) days, and a dental examination within six (6) months and annually thereafter.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To ensure children in care are receiving sufficient medical and dental services.

PROCEDURE

1. Arrange for a medical exam within seven (7) days of the child entering a foster care situation and annually thereafter. Consult with the public health nurse for immunization records as needed.
2. Arrange for a dental exam within six (6) months of the child entering a foster care situation and annually thereafter.
3. Confirm appointments with the foster parent(s).
4. Attend appointment(s) if available.
5. Obtain a report from the exams and place on the child's file.
6. Arrange further services as soon as possible, if there are any concerns (e.g., dental surgery, orthodontic treatments, failure to thrive, severe neglect, or malnutrition) raised during an examination.

FORMS

- Child's Medical Examination
- Consent to Services for a Child

TOOLS

- Medical and Dental Authorization for Children/Youth

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April 1, 2015

Director of Child and Family Services

