

Foster Care Health Requirements

Initial Health Screening	<p>All Children are required to have an initial physical health screening within the first forty-eight (48) hours of entering out of home care.</p> <p>*Treatment for an injury/illness that may be the result of maltreatment must take place within twenty-four (24) hours of entering care.</p> <p>A full medical exam must be scheduled within two (2) weeks of entering out of home care.</p> <p>The physical health screening should recur at least yearly thereafter, unless there are additional ongoing health problems to be addressed.</p>
Vision Screening	<p>All children are required to have an initial visual exam within two (2) weeks of entering care.</p> <p>Visual examinations are to be completed yearly.</p>
Dental Screening	<p>All children are required to have an initial dental exam within two (2) weeks of entering care.</p> <p>Dental examinations are to be completed yearly.</p>
Mental Health	<p>All children must have a *mental health screening, performed by a qualified mental health professional, within the first thirty (30) days of entry into care.</p> <p>*Children under five (5) are to receive an Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (SPSDT) screening or First Steps screening as a substitute for a mental health screening.</p> <p>If the child is prescribed psychotropic medication, DCBS must be notified within one (1) working day the child receiving the prescription.</p>

- Foster Parents will receive medical authorization through the 106A form; this provides authorization to assure the child receives routine childcare. It also provides medical providers with information on who to contact for non-routine medical procedures.

- The Foster parent may only authorize a non-routine treatment in the event of an emergency and the SSW or Family Services Office Supervisor (FSOS) cannot be located.