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Subject(s)

FOM 801, Health Services for Foster Children.

FOM 801 is revised to include the following updated policy items:

- Health Requirements
 - Yearly medical exam time frame.
 - Foster children hospitalized at time of removal from own home and during the 30 day time frame for initial well child exams.
 - Out-of-state foster children placed in Michigan and exclusion from health care requirements.
 - Non-medical waiver for immunizations.
 - DHS-Pub-268, Guidelines for Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers for Health Care and Behavioral/Mental Health Services.
- Medical Passport requirements.
 - Signature page requirements.
 - Time frame for initial caregiver to receive Medical Passport.
- Birth control and contraceptives.
- Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) superintendent designee and consent signature.
- Exclusion of Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver from routine medical care.
- Changes to the Child and Adolescent Health Centers programs.
- Financial assistance provided by the Family Support Subsidy Program.

Yearly medical exam time frame.

The yearly medical exams time frame is updated to clarify the due date time frame. While the medical exams are required yearly for foster children and youth ages 3 through 20 years in out-of-home placements, it may occur up to 14 months from the previous medical exam to accommodate physician scheduling and insurance coverage requirements.

Reason: Child Welfare Medical Unit policy clarification.

Foster children hospitalized at time of removal from own home and during the 30 day time frame for initial well child exams.

Children who are hospitalized during the 30 day time frame for the required initial medical exam are excluded from this requirement. Physicians cannot complete a well child examination for a hospitalized child. Hospital medical records are to be obtained to document the child's health conditions and treatment.

Reason: Child Welfare Medical Unit policy clarification.

Out-of-state foster children placed in Michigan and exclusion from health care requirements.

Out-of-state foster children placed in Michigan are not required to comply with the Michigan foster care health requirements. The caseworker from the child's home state provides the necessary medical, dental and mental health standards for guidance in the child's health care while placed in Michigan.

Reason: Children's Services Administration clarification.

Non-medical waiver for immunizations.

A new administrative rule requires parents/guardians who wish to waive or delay immunizations for their child (ren) to receive education from the local health department prior to obtaining the requisite certified waiver. Policy details the specific grades, programs and new school district status applicable to the new rule and requires that these children must have either an up to date immunization record or one of the two allowable waivers, medical or certified nonmedical waiver.

Included within the policy are the parental requirements for the non-medical waiver, along with the caseworker's role in assisting and obtaining the waiver.

Reason: Children's Services Administration Communication Issuance Memo.

DHS-Pub-268, Guidelines for Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers for Health Care and Behavioral/Mental Health Services.

Policy is updated to include the DHS-Pub-268, Guidelines for Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers for Health Care and Behavioral/Mental Health Services to be provided to all foster parents and relative caregivers. The DHS-Pub-268 provides all caregivers with the health requirements and time frames for foster care children and youth, along with information that the caregiver is to receive from the caseworker. The caseworker is to discuss/review the DHS-PUB-268 with the caregivers at the first home visit after the child's placement into the home.

Reason: Children's Services Administration Communication Issuance Memo.

Medical Passport requirements

Upon a child's initial entry into foster care, the caseworker must provide the caregiver with the child's medical passport within 2 weeks from the placement date. The date the caregiver receives the medical passport must be documented in MiSACWIS.

The medical passport policy is revised to include the requirement of the legal parent or guardian's signature of receipt of the child's medical passport, every quarter while in foster care and upon reunification.

Reason: Children's Services Administration directive and Child Welfare Medical Unit clarification.

Birth control and contraceptives.

There are no state statutes regarding birth control for minors and parental authorization or notification. The policy has been updated to include the federal statutes addressing a minor's right to contraceptives without consent from parent or guardian. Policy also addresses the differences between the health care provider discretion of parental notification between publicly-funded health care coverage vs. doctors accepting private health care.

Reason: 42 USC §300(a); 42 USC §1396d (a)(4)(C) and field request for guidance.

MCI superintendent designee and consent signature.

In the absence of the MCI superintendent, one of the MCI consultants within MDHHS may be designated as acting superintendent, and authorized to approve or deny consents.

Reason: MDHHS Director Authorization.

Exclusion of Serious Emotional Disturbance waiver from routine medical care.

The Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver program is not considered routine medical care. Signature of legal parent or guardian is required for temporary court wards participating in the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) program. The child welfare medical unit manager is the signatory delegate for MCI wards.

Reason: SEDW requirement.

Child and Adolescent Health Centers.

The Child and Adolescent Health Center (CAHC) policy is updated to include the revisions to the service model delivery and program expansion information.

Reason: To align with the MDHHS Children and Healthy Families, Child and Adolescent Health Center Information.

Family Support Subsidy Program.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides a family support subsidy to families with severely disabled children. The subsidy is designed to keep disabled children with or return to their birth or adoptive families. Policy outlines the program eligibility and application process.

Reason: Children's Services Administration request.

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Changed Items ...

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