

# **Foster Care**

The Department of Health and Human Resources wants to be sure that children placed in the foster care system are in optimal health. To meet this goal, the Department requires that all children receive a full physical exam in accordance with the HealthCheck protocol at the time of out-of-home placement. The HealthCheck exam identifies children with unmet health needs so they can receive appropriate diagnostic and/or treatment services in a timely, comprehensive manner.

Upon placement of a child in the foster care system, a HealthCheck Foster Care Liaison will contact the foster care home or agency and designated medical provider to assist with scheduling an appointment for the child. In accordance with the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families Foster Care Policy, HealthCheck requests that the provider do the following:

- In accordance with the HealthCheck protocol, perform the well-child exam within 72 hours of placement.
- Schedule any necessary follow-up diagnostic and/or treatment service(s) or make direct referral(s) for such service(s).
- Document activities on the HealthCheck Preventive Health Screen form (or equivalent screening form).
- Fax or mail a copy of child's HealthCheck Preventive Health Screen form, or equivalent screening form, to the attention of the appropriate HealthCheck Foster Care Liaison. Make sure the form is dated, the name of the facility and/or clinician is printed on the form, and the clinician's signature is included.

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