

Children in Foster Care

What a provider should know!



Importance of the 30-Day Comprehensive Physical

Children newly entered in the foster care system are to see their primary care provider for a comprehensive physical within **30 days** of entering the system. This is important to ensure a smooth transition and all medical information is relayed accurately and timely. When scheduling this visit, you can help by reminding the foster parent to bring the following items to the appointment:

- Medical passport
 - Foster parent should have this information
 - This should be updated every 90 days by a healthcare professional
- Medical consent card
- Psychotropic medication consent, if applicable

It is important that a sufficient amount of time is scheduled for the first visit so all items can be discussed. These appointments should be **at least** 30 minutes long.



If you would like more information on how to best assist these patients, review the following Michigan Department of Health and Human Services resource:

www.michigan.gov/fostercare

- Click on **"Fostering Mental Health"** on the left-hand side to view information specific to healthcare professionals