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INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM -- Comprehensive Health Evaluation (CHE)

- Comprehensive Health Evaluations (CHE) are a part of the Integrated Assessment process and must be **completed within 21 days of Temporary Custody (TC) for all new cases**.
- The child's **follow-up/permanency worker** must assist in gathering health information concerning the child and family **from the biological/legal parent(s)** or other available family members by using the **CFS 656 - Child and Family Health Information** worksheet. This worksheet must be faxed to the HealthWorks Lead Agency serving the county in which the child is placed at least 5 days prior to the child's scheduled CHE.
- The child's **Caregiver must attend and participate in the CHE with the child**. The child's **worker** is expected to attend and participate in the child's CHE and determines whether the **biological/legal parent** should also attend the CHE, unless the child's safety and well-being are issues.
- CHEs are provided by a **limited number of select qualified medical providers** throughout the state. All appointments for CHE must be coordinated through the HealthWorks Lead Agency.
- **Caregivers retain the choice of selecting the child's Primary Care Physician (PCP)** for ongoing health care needs. The physician who conducts the CHE could be chosen as the child's PCP.
- The HealthWorks Lead Agency prepares a **Health Summary** of the child's health care needs and the plan to address these needs based on the completed CHE and prior health records and sends it to the child's worker **within 7 days after the completed CHE**. This is the same information which would be used in SACWIS for the Health section of the Client Service Plan and for the first ACR.
- The child's **Health Passport** is initiated in conjunction with the CHE incorporating the information obtained from the child's CHE and prior health records and is provided to the child's Caregiver, who should take it to each office visit with the PCP to document future health services and health problems. A copy is mailed to the child's worker.

For any questions and further information or to request additional staff training regarding the HealthWorks Program and the requirements for Comprehensive Health Evaluations, please contact: Vince Champagne, Cook County Health Services Manager, at 312-814-5516 or Stan Farier, Cook County Health Services Coordinator, at 312-814-6976 or Liz Bernahl, Downstate Health Services Manager, at 217-557-2689.

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