

## Child Health Status

### Head Start Performance Standards

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#### Policy

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Head Start staff work with families to establish and maintain an ongoing system of preventative medical and dental care for all enrolled children. A child's health significantly affects his or her ability to learn, grow and develop. Within 30 days of entering the program, staff will determine whether each child has an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care and health insurance. If the family does not have care, staff will work with the family to help them obtain care. Staff will obtain determinations from health care and oral health care professionals as to whether or not the child is up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and primary medical, mental health, and oral health care, based on: the well-child visits and dental periodicity schedules as prescribed by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

#### Procedure

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1. During registration, families complete a **Child Health History** form for each child to determine if a family has a source of ongoing continuous, accessible health care and health insurance. As medical and dental homes are identified, the classroom staff or home visitor will enter this information into ChildPlus.
2. Families without health insurance are encouraged to apply for the Oregon Health Plan so they can establish both a medical and dental home. If a family does not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or for other insurance, Head Start staff will help them locate a clinic with a sliding fee scale where they can establish a medical and dental home. The Health Services Supervisor and Health Administration Assistant can assist in this process.
3. A determination of child health status will be made at 90 days of enrollment. This determination is based on **Physical Exams, Well Child checks, Immunizations records** and **Oral Health Assessments** provided to us by medical professionals or families.
4. Health records are data entered into ChildPlus and uploaded under the health module.

## Monitoring and follow up

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1. **Classroom staff** will monitor their students' health requirements using ChildPlus **dashboard** and **to-do list** to ensure requirements are being met on time.
2. Classroom staff will use the "**Obtaining an exam**" worksheet for follow up on an unmet dental and physical requirement.
3. Classroom staff will share with parents "**Accessing children's online health records**" cheat sheet to help support families in obtain their child's health records from their online charts.
4. **The Health Services** team monitors all students' health requirements. The assigned health assistant sends follow-up emails bi-weekly to classroom staff reminding them about students who have requirements coming up due, past due, and incomplete.
5. During registration Health Services sends faxes to medical providers requesting records to confirm that children are up to date if a current ROI is provided by the family.
6. Immunizations are entered by the Health Services team using ALERT and/or records provided by the medical provider.
7. **Health Services Supervisor** monitors student health status beginning day one of program year.
  - a. **To-do list** in ChildPlus is created to track daily when students are approaching their 90 days of enrollment.
  - b. Health requirements are monitored weekly along with team check-ins to determine where students are completing requirements.
  - c. Documentation is completed in ChildPlus of all the support and efforts health and classroom staff provide to determine students are up to date.

## Determination

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Physical Health Status and Dental Health Status events will be created by the **Health Services** team for each student on their 90<sup>th</sup> day of enrollment.

- A child must be current on all age required health, oral health, immunization and mental health screenings to be considered up to date.
- A child will receive a **complete status** if all health requirements are complete before or by 90 days.
- A child will receive a **completed late status** if requirement is met after the 90 days.

A child will receive an **unmet requirement status** if health requirements are not met and documentation stating the reason a complete status was not given.