



Child Health Status

Head Start Performance Standards

§ 1302.42 (a) (1)

Policy

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. Within 90 days of entering the program, Health Services will make a determination of a child's health status based on all health information provided by family and medical providers.

Procedure

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. Information about the Oregon Health Plan and other health insurance resources are included in the Registration Packet. Families interested in the Oregon Health Plan can be referred to a Community Action Assister. 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. Within 90 days of their enrollment, a determination of child health status is made based on **Physical Exams, Well Child Summaries, Immunizations** and **Oral Health Assessments** provided to us by medical providers or families. Documentation must be entered in ChildPlus to determine status.