Your foster child's health exam will include:

- Health and developmental history
- Physical examination
- Oral health assessment and routine referral to a dentist for children over 12 months of age
- Nutrition screening
- Vision and hearing screening
- Developmental and behavioral screening
- Immunizations
- Blood and urine tests
- Health and wellness education
- Referrals to specialists and community programs as needed



If tests indicate a need for further diagnosis and treatment, it is important to follow the health provider's recommendations.

HCPCFC is a public health nursing program located within DFCS to meet the medical, dental, mental health, and developmental needs of youth who are in the foster care and juvenile probation systems. **HCPCFC** PHNs

- Help families find a primary care provider
- Coordinate care for foster children placed in Santa Clara County (as well as those placed out-of-county) to ensure access to needed services
- Oversee the creation and update of the Health and Education Passport (HEP) as required by law
- Review incoming medical records and Health Contact Forms to assess each child's health needs
- Collaborate with the child's foster care team to address health issues
- Serve as a resource for social workers, caregivers, foster youth, and community partners
- Provide consultation, wellness education, and health care oversight for children in out of home placement

For more information visit:

https://publichealth.sccgov.org/ health-care-program-childrenfoster-care



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Health Care for Foster Children

Regular health and dental exams are an important part of the care you give your foster child.

- 40-60% of children in foster care have chronic medical conditions such as asthma, cognitive abnormalities, vision and hearing problems, dental decay and poor nutrition.
- Lack of adequate medical records can result in over immunization and under treatment of chronic health conditions.
- Often children in foster care have had little or no health and dental care.

Early diagnosis and treatment can reduce serious problem for the child later in life.



Physical Exam Requirement

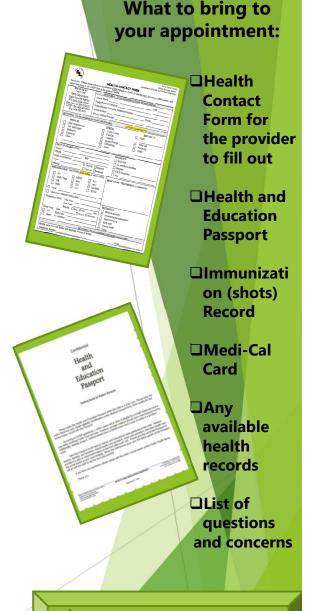
- All children entering foster care are required to have a physical exam and dental exam within 30 days of placement.
- Multiple periodic check ups are required for foster children ages 0-36 months.
- Foster children over 3 years of age should receive a physical exam yearly.



Dental Exam Requirement

All foster children 12 months of age and older are required to have a dental exam within 30 days of initial placement and then every 6 months thereafter.

If you have questions or need assistance finding a medical or dental provider in your area who accepts Medi-cal, call us at (408)501-6669



★After each appointment is completed, submit the completed Health Contact form to the HCPCFC PHN Program