

## Medical Screenings and Examinations Information Sheet

### Well Child Exams or Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

The Department of Family Services (DFS) requires that all children receive a Well Child Exam (also known as an EPSDT) within thirty (30) calendar days of initial removal and then as scheduled as listed in the Well Child Exam Schedule table below.

#### Well Child Exam Schedule

Under 1 year	1-2 years	3-21 years
Newborn	12 months	Annually*
3-5 days old	15 months	
1 month	18 months	
2 months	24 months	
4 months	30 months	
6 months		
9 months		

\*Annual EPSDT exams should be scheduled within 13 months of the child's last annual EPSDT exam

#### Dental Exams

DFS requires that children in DFS custody receive routine dental examinations at the following frequencies:

1. Within ninety (90) calendar days of entering DFS custody for either of the following:
  - a. Any child age one (1) year or older, or
  - b. A child under the age of one (1) with any dental concerns.
2. Children must have ongoing dental check-ups and cleanings at least every six (6) months or more frequently, when indicated as medically necessary for relief of pain and infection, restoration of teeth, and maintenance of dental health.

#### Vision Screenings

DFS requires that children in DFS custody have an annual vision screening.

1. Vision screenings may occur as part of the EPSDT.
2. Children three (3) years old, or older receive a vision screening to detect potentially blinding diseases and visual impairments such as congenital abnormalities and malformations, eye diseases, color blindness and refractive errors. The screenings include distance visual acuity, color perception and ocular alignment tests.

#### Vision Exams

DFS requires that children in DFS custody have a comprehensive vision exam when any of the following apply:

1. Within sixty (60) days of initial removal, when any of following apply:
  - a. Vision screening (possibly as part of EPSDT) results in a referral.
  - b. There is a previous diagnosis of a vision condition, which includes all children prescribed corrective lenses.
  - c. There is a suspicion of a vision condition.
2. Within sixty (60) calendar days of a suspicion of a vision condition or a vision screening (possibly as part of EPSDT) that results in a referral.
3. As medically recommended on an ongoing basis.