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HCPCFC PROGRAM LETTER: 26-02

TO: HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (HCPCFC)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA REPORTING

Background

The purpose of this letter is to provide Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) administrators and staff with information on the expectations and submission guidelines for HCPCFC Performance Measures (PM) 1 and 2, which are outlined in the HCPCFC Program Manual and Attachment A (below).

The Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Integrated Systems of Care Division (ISCD) recognizes the significant effort required for local programs to collect and report PM data. We understand that many local programs are still building or refining their data tracking processes, and that collecting complete information may present challenges during the early stages of implementation of the HCPCFC as a standalone program.

Direction to Local Programs

Local programs must submit collected HCPCFC PM data, including partial or incomplete data, and any documentation of challenges, limitations, or barriers by September 1, 2026, using the HCPCFC PM Reporting sheet located in the [ISCD Budget Portal](#). The PM Reporting sheet is also available by request to HCPCFC@dhcs.ca.gov.

Local programs must submit a HCPCFC PM Reporting sheet annually, every September 1st, to HCPCFC@dhcs.ca.gov. If September 1st occurs on a State holiday, DHCS will accept submissions on the next State business day. Local programs should plan accordingly to ensure timely submissions.

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Do not submit any data containing Personally Identifiable Information or Protected Health Information, which includes any information that can identify an individual or relates to a person's health status, care, or payment for care.

Please collect and submit any and all data you are able to gather using your current tracking processes and resources. Local programs may also submit partial or incomplete data. DHCS will accept reports with incomplete data as they are valuable for statewide learning and quality improvement efforts. Also, document any challenges or limitations encountered during data collection. If certain data points cannot be collected, document the barriers and submit them so DHCS can better support long-term solutions.

DHCS acknowledges that data availability, staffing capacity, and system limitations may vary by local program. As reflected in existing HCPCFC performance measure policy, local programs are not subject to financial penalties for incomplete reporting (HCPCFC Program Manual, 2024, p. 19), and DHCS encourages programs to focus on continuous improvement while establishing sustainable and accurate data-tracking practices.

Contact Information

If your program has questions or needs technical assistance, contact DHCS via email at HCPCFC@dhcs.ca.gov. Questions regarding the ISCD Budget Portal may be directed to ISCDFiscal@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A:
Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Performance
Measures 1 and 2

Performance Measures 1 and 2 are defined in the [HCPCFC Program Manual](#) on pages 17-19 which states:

HCPCFC PM 1: Care Management

Care Management involves consultation, coordination, oversight, and management. Assigned children and youth will receive HCPCFC PHN directed administrative care management.

- Numerator: The total number of children and youth assigned to a HCPCFC PHN or PHN team for 30 days or more for whom an initial review has been completed.
- Denominator: The total number of children and youth assigned to a HCPCFC PHN or PHN team for 30 days of assignment or more.
- Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs): The total number of NMDs should be tracked and reported separately.

The initial review is the process during which a PHN reviews and interprets medical records to determine appropriateness of care and meet the required needs of the child or youth.

HCPCFC PM 2: PHN Health Care Management Plan

HCPCFC PHNs will create a PHN Health Care Management Plan to document administrative care management activities, in a manner that can be utilized by other members of the youth's care team.

- Numerator: The total number of children and youth assigned to a HCPCFC PHN or PHN team for 60 days of assignment or more for whom a PHN Health Care Management Plan has been completed.
- Denominator: The total number of children and youth assigned to a HCPCFC PHN or PHN team for 60 days of assignment or more.
- NMDs: The total number of NMDs should be tracked and reported separately.