

## Medical and Dental Home

### Performance Standards: 1302.42(a)(1), 1302.42(a)(2), 1302.42(b)(1)

Program staff will support families in establishing a medical and dental home (an ongoing source of medical or dental care) for their child within 30 days of the child's first day of class. Within 90 days the health and nutrition specialist must receive notice from health care and oral health care professionals on whether the child is up to date on vaccinations and medical/dental care according to EPSDT guidelines. If any follow-up care is required for a child, the provider will provide a referral for additional services.

### DACHS responsibilities:

1. Family outreach workers assess whether the child has a medical and dental home within 30 days of enrollment. This should initially occur during the enrollment interview.
  - a. If so, the names of those providers and any insurance information should be entered into ChildPlus.
  - b. If the child doesn't have a medical or dental home, the FOW should try to ascertain barriers and note these in ChildPlus. If financial limitations are the only barrier, they should be given information about community resources.
  - c. If the child doesn't have a medical or dental home, the health and nutrition specialist will support families with establishing these medical homes within 30 days of enrollment. A list of providers will be presented to the families; all located in Doña Ana County.
  - d. As soon as a medical and dental home is established, FOW's should have the parent complete the "Permission to Release" form and forward that to the health and nutrition specialist. The health and nutrition specialist will update ChildPlus with the medical and dental home information.

### Parent/guardian responsibilities:

1. The parent/guardian must take their child to routine dental and physical exams every year. Each year. Medicaid pays for 1 physical exam and 2 dental exams. DACHS requires children to have a current physical exam and dental exam on file. This is a 90-day requirement.
2. The parent/guardian must ensure that their child is up to date on vaccines. A child will not be permitted to attend Early Head Start and Head Start if they are not up to date on vaccines. It is sufficient if an appointment card is provided which shows that the child will receive his/her vaccines. The date, time, and provider information are required on the appointment card so it can be verified by the health and nutrition specialist.
3. If, for religious or medical reasons, the parent chooses not to have their child vaccinated, they must complete a "Certificate of Exemption from School/Daycare Immunization Requirements" form on the New Mexico Department of Health website. The Department of Health has 60 days from receiving the form to either approve or not approve the request. The parent must provide approved forms to the DACHS health and nutrition specialist.
4. If a child receives a referral for additional services, the parent/guardian must comply with the guidelines provided by the doctor/dentist.