

CPS HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION

REMOVE QUESTION (2016)

There have been no Priority I cases that meet this guideline for the past several years.

CPSH.1. If this is a Priority I case involving trauma caused from severe maltreatment, severe physical injury, recent sexual abuse, fetal addiction, or any exposure to a hazardous environment was a medical examination of the child obtained no later than 24 hours after the report was received?

DCFS Practice Guideline 202.8 B. **When necessary and indicated, a medical examination will be completed within 24 hours in a priority 1 and 1R investigation, and in a timely manner in priority 2, and 3 investigations. [See: Utah Code Ann. §62A-4a-202.3.]**

First check to see if this is a Priority I case. If not, answer question 1 in this section Not Applicable. If this is a Priority I case, check the Child Abuse Neglect Report form (CANR) or the Safe general tab to determine whether or not this Priority I case involves an allegation of severe maltreatment, severe physical injury, recent sexual abuse (within the last 72 hours), fetal addiction, or exposure to a hazardous environment such as illegal drug/chemical production. If so, check the Activity Log for evidence that the worker obtained a medical examination no later than 24 hours after the report was received. Evidence of the medical examination may also be found on the Person Tab of the SAFE computer system.

YES	This is a Priority I case involving severe maltreatment, severe physical injury, recent sexual abuse, fetal addiction, or exposure to a hazardous environment and a medical examination was obtained within 24 hours of the report; or the referral came from the child's health care provider as a result of his/her recent assessment of the child and another assessment was not necessary.
NO	This is a Priority I case involving severe maltreatment, severe physical injury, recent sexual abuse, fetal addiction, or exposure to a hazardous environment and there is no evidence that a medical examination was obtained.
NA	This is not a Priority I case or this is a Priority I case, but the report (allegation) did not involve severe maltreatment, severe physical injury, recent sexual abuse, fetal addiction, or exposure to a hazardous environment; or it is documented in the record that the allegation was clearly unsupported and no medical evaluation was necessary.

CPSH.2. If this case involves an allegation of medical neglect, did the worker obtain a medical neglect opinion from a health care provider prior to case closure?

DCFS Practice Guideline Section 201.9.B Medical neglect/PKU: This allegation or finding needs to be based on the opinion of the child's primary care physician or other licensed medical professional. A parent or guardian may obtain a second medical opinion to present for consideration by DCFS but the agency is not bound by the opinion and will consider the totality of the facts.

Remember, if the allegation of medical neglect is limited to mental health issues, the health care provider may be a licensed mental health professional (CSW, LCSW, PhD, MD). If the worker consults with the child's health care provider (by phone or otherwise), that may be considered an assessment, as long as the health care provider saw the child in regard to the circumstances involved in the medical neglect allegation.

If this is a medical neglect case, check to see if an opinion from a health care provider was obtained prior to case closure. Check the Activity Record, the Health Visit Report form, medical records, correspondence, or reports from the provider for evidence that the worker obtained an opinion from a health care provider. **There must be confirmation that the medical neglect allegations were discussed with the medical professionals.** The assessment is to be obtained as part of the investigation, therefore within 30 days. (If the Regional Director has granted an investigation extension, the assessment should be obtained within the extension period granted.)

YES	This case involves an allegation of medical neglect and an opinion regarding the medical neglect allegations was obtained from a qualified health care provider prior to case closure.
NO	This case involves an allegation of medical neglect, but there is no evidence that an opinion regarding the medical neglect allegation was obtained.
NA	This case does not involve an allegation of medical neglect; The worker was unable to locate the family/child to arrange an assessment.