

## Information for Caregivers and DSS Case Managers

The SCDSS Office of Child Health and Well-Being needs your help to implement new requirements to meet the health care needs for children in foster care.

### Initial Well Child Visits and Initial Dental Visits:

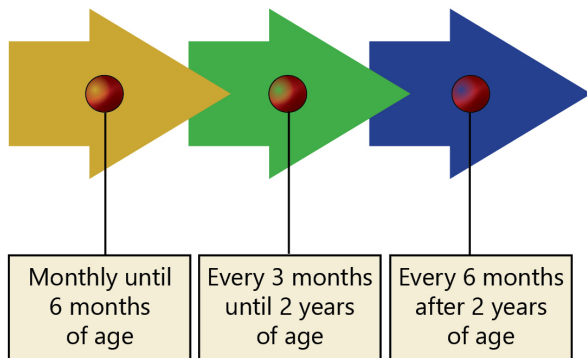
When a child first comes in to foster care, the child must receive a well child visit within 30 days. Ideally, children should have a well child and dental visit within seven days of entering care.

A well child visit can occur at the same time as a sick visit but should also contain the following elements:

- Health history
- Complete physical exam
- Lab tests (as needed)
- Immunizations
- Vision and hearing screening
- Development/behavioral screening (as needed)
- Advice on how to keep your child healthy

During each well child visit, children in foster care should receive an oral evaluation and can receive fluoride varnish from their primary care doctor.

### Well Child Visits Required Schedule



**TIP:** Medicaid allows the initial dental visit to occur regardless of the last time the child saw a dentist. If the dental provider is not aware of this benefit, email us at: [childhealth@dss.sc.gov](mailto:childhealth@dss.sc.gov)

**TIP:** Ask your child's doctor about fluoride varnish. Children up to seven years old can get four applications of fluoride varnish every 12 months. If your child does not have a dentist, please ask for a referral to a dental provider.

### On-going Well Child Visits:

After the initial visit, all children must receive follow-up well child visits based on their age. This schedule is based on the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for children in Foster Care. These visits help the primary care physician provide proper referrals and follow up on the child's health care needs.

### Ongoing Dental Check-Up Visits:

After the initial dental visit, all children must receive routine dental check-up visits every six months. This schedule is based on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry guidelines for children up to 20 years of age.

**TIP:** Select Health allows several Well Child Visits per year. If your provider is not aware of this benefit, email us at: [childhealth@dss.sc.gov](mailto:childhealth@dss.sc.gov)  
We can connect them to someone who can assist your provider.

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## After Visit Summaries



SCDSS Office of Child Health and Well-Being needs your help to make sure that nurse care coordinators at SCDSS are aware of children's health care needs and can track treatment until those needs are completed.

We do that by receiving "After Visit Summaries" or "Clinical Summaries" that primary care providers give you at the appointment. DSS nurse care coordinators will review those summaries and provide follow-up action items for the child's team.

**TIP:** *If your child's dentist or primary care provider does not give you an after visit summary after the visit, ask for one. If one is not available, you can complete DSS Form 30260 Medical/Dental Encounter Form.*

**TIP:** *You can use your cell phone to take a picture of the after visit summary and email it to: [childhealth@dss.sc.gov](mailto:childhealth@dss.sc.gov)*

**To get a copy, go to:**  
**[dss.sc.gov](http://dss.sc.gov)>Foster Care>Current Foster Parent>Resources>Forms and Tools>Medical/Dental Encounter Form**

After visit summaries have important information such as the reason for the visit, immunizations administered during the visit, medications prescribed, the time and date of the next appointment, and other appointments and tests that need to be scheduled.

Send the after visit summary to: [childhealth@dss.sc.gov](mailto:childhealth@dss.sc.gov). Please do not send the sheet that you take to check out that contains diagnosis codes because it does not have information that we need about follow-up needed for your child's care.

During your monthly visit with your child's foster care case manager, be sure to discuss any visits to the doctor and any follow-up needs that the doctor recommended. Also, give the case manager the after visit summary for their records so that it can be uploaded to the child's file.

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