

The role of: HEALTH LIAISON OFFICERS

The primary role of a Health Liaison Officer (HLO) is to promote and provide direction for the improved health outcomes for all children in foster care.

COORDINATE HEALTH CARE NEEDS

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HLOs provide coordination, direction, oversight and guidance for the health care needs of foster children and/or birth parents, child welfare workers and supervisors including private agency foster care staff and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) central office personnel.

FOSTER CARE LIAISON

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HLOs function as the foster care liaison with the Medicaid Health Plans (MHP), Community Mental Health (CMH) and other medical, dental, and behavioral health providers.

ENSURE APPROPRIATE CARE

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HLOs ensure appropriate Medicaid coverage and physical/medical, dental, developmental and mental health services for foster children are administered.

PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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HLOs provide technical assistance with Medicaid, Medicaid enrollment, Medicaid Health Plans and with child welfare and provider systems.

CONDUCT PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

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HLOs conduct presentations/trainings for MDHHS/Private agency staff and other community stakeholders on an ongoing or as needed basis.

ENSURE MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

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HLOs assist staff to ensure medical and dental exams are scheduled to occur timely by tracking exam due dates. HLOs provide correspondence/forms to foster parents, and collaborate with workers and supervisors to obtain information and documentation.

ENSURE INFORMED CONSENT

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HLOs assist staff to ensure informed consent documentation is completed accurately and on file for every psychotropic medication prescribed to a child in foster care.

PROVIDE COUNTY LEVEL OVERSIGHT

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HLOs provide county level oversight of MDHHS child health policies and provide timely feedback to staff and management/administration regarding compliance and barriers.

