



DSS Foster Care Overview and Updates

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Achieving Stability. Strengthening Families.

Overview

- Reminders for Well Child Visits
- Agency Updates and New Initiatives
- Select Health Updates and Care Coordination
- Data Review
- Contact Information

Well Child Visits

What are we trying to accomplish?

- ❑ Improve timely access to health care for children in foster care within a pediatric medical home
- Health history
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Development and behavioral health screenings
- Immunizations (as needed)
- Lab tests (as needed)



Should occur within 7 days of entry into care, must occur within 30 days of entry to care.

DSS Enhanced Well Child Schedule

in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics
Guidelines



Establishing Care for a Child in Foster Care

**CPT code 99358
with modifier
"UA"**

Use this code when *non-direct patient care activities are done* as part of establishing care for a foster child or youth

Non-direct care activities like:

1. records request/review
2. care coordination with other providers and state agencies.

Submit with the appropriate evaluation and management or well child visit claim

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Combined Well Child and Sick Visits

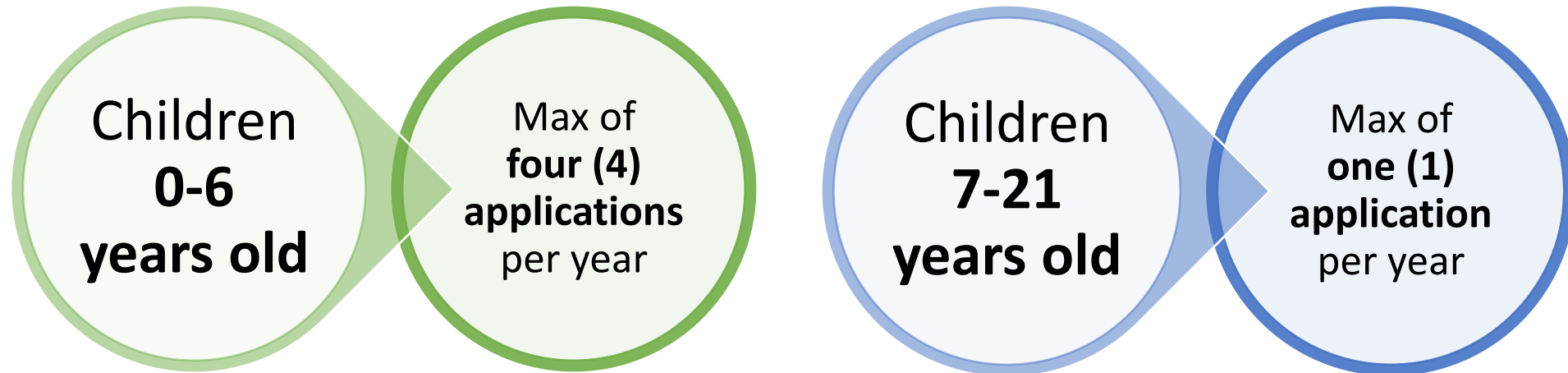
Modifier 25

Use this modifier when a well child visit and sick visit are completed on the same day

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Dental Fluoride Varnish

As soon as the first tooth erupts, children 0-21 can receive fluoride varnish at well child visits or sick visits



[Pediatric Medical Periodicity \(April 2018\).pdf \(scdhhs.gov\)](#)



PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

Policy Guidelines

CONSENTERS

Who can consent to new prescription of psychotropic medications for children in care?

1 Primary Medical Consenters who are SCDSS

- Case Managers
- Supervisors
- Clinical Nurse Coordinator

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Designated Secondary Medical Consenters approved by DSS

- Caregivers who are foster parents, relatives, pre-adoptive parents
- Professional employees of emergency shelters, and group care providers

SCDSS Designated Secondary Medical Consenters may consent to new prescriptions of psychotropic medications in the absence of the Primary Medical Consenter and when there are no psychotropic red flags.

The agency must involve birth parents, other kin, caregivers, and the child in routine medical care, unless doing so is not in the best interests of the child.

RED FLAGS/PRTF

ONLY the Clinical Nurse Coordinator consents to psychotropics when:

1 There are the following red flags:

- Child is age 6 or under
- There is prescription of four (4) or more psychotropic medications
- Antipsychotic is being prescribed

2

Child is in a psychiatric residential treatment facility or acute psychiatric unit.

DSS Updated Consent Process for Psychotropics

Only the SCDSS Clinical Nurse Coordinator can consent to Psychotropics when there is a red flag:

- ✓ Child is age 6 or under
- ✓ There is prescription of four (4) or more psychotropic medications
- ✓ Antipsychotic is being prescribed

Requests can be sent directly to: form2056consent@dss.sc.gov

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION INFORMED CONSENT

Child/Youth Name: DOB:

Note: This form is to be signed by South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) case manager and/or team leader (primary medical consentor) or a person authorized to consent to medical care of a child (designated secondary medical consentor) in DSS custody and is used to document that informed consent was obtained for a new psychotropic medication. The signed Psychotropic Medication Informed Consent form is to be retained by the designated secondary medical consentor and provided to the child's case manager. The case manager, or designee, is to sign and file this form in the child's case record and link it in CAPSS to the child's Person Screen within five business days.

Before signing this document, the medical consentor should receive, review, and understand the following information was provided by the medical provider or prescriber as to prescribed medication(s) below:

- The specific condition, symptoms, or diagnosis being treated with the medication(s)
- The benefits of medication(s), including the symptoms treated by the medication(s) and the likely effectiveness of the medication(s)
- Any alternate medication(s) or non-medication options available to treat the condition, their likelihood of benefit, and the reason for selecting the treatment below
- The risks of taking the medication(s) and probable clinically significant side effects from medication(s)
- The risks of not taking the prescribed medication(s)
- The name, dosage, frequency, route of administration, and duration of the prescribed medication(s)
- Any special instructions about taking the medication(s) and any monitoring such as blood work up required while taking medication(s)

All Psychotropic Medications (Current and Requested)	Dose (Starting/ Maximum)		Frequency	Diagnosis, Target Symptoms, Benefits	New Medication (Y/N)

The case manager or designated secondary medical consentor is required to consult the Clinical Nurse Coordinator before administration of psychotropic medications when:

- Child is age 6 or under
- Child is prescribed 4 or more psychotropic medications
- Child is being prescribed an antipsychotic medication

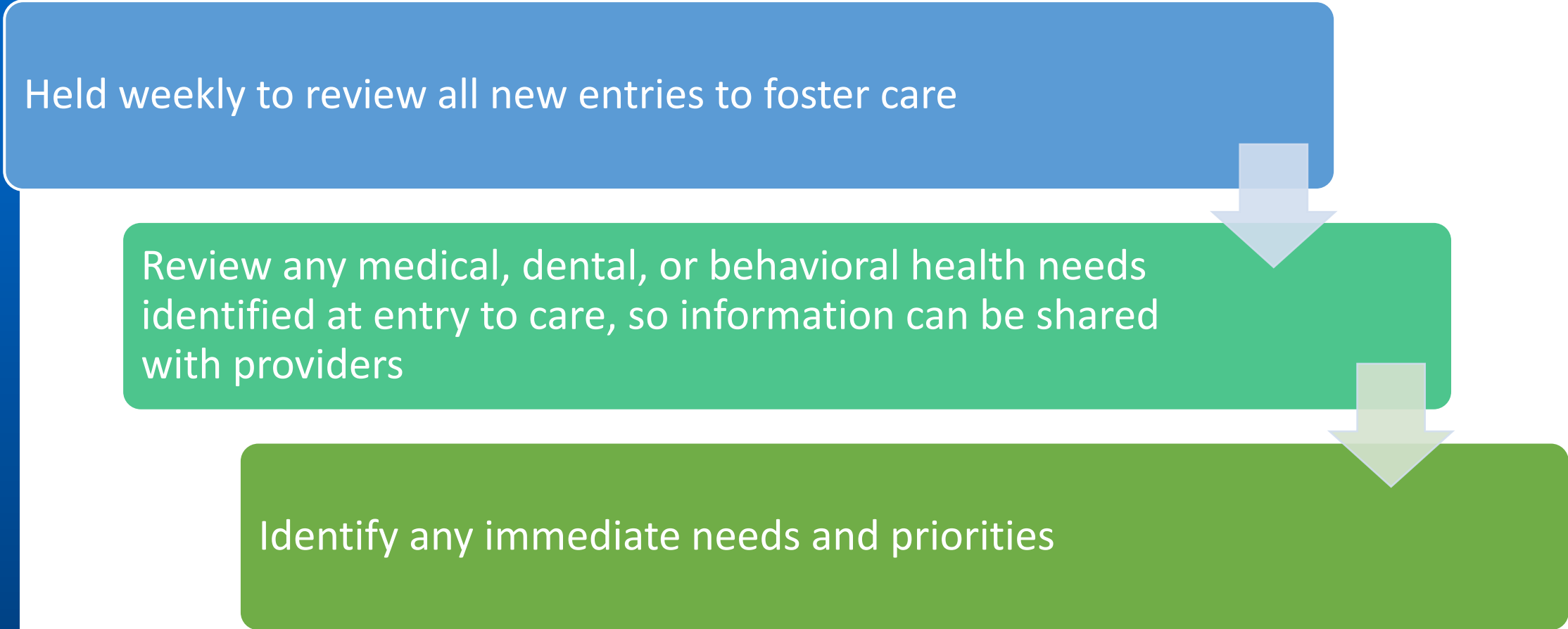
General Updates For Foster Care

- Dr. Anita Khetpal has transitioned into a more part-time consultative role for DSS
 - If any questions regarding treatment for a child or youth in your care, or past medical history, please contact Haley Jacobik, Clinical Nurse Coordinator
- Dr. Kathleen Domm will be transitioning out of her role with Select Health effective July 10, 2026.
 - For questions for the Select Health team, please contact Darby Murphy, Nurse Manager.

New Initiatives

- SC DSS, in partnership with Select Health, are currently piloting new entry to care rounds in the PeeDee region.

Held weekly to review all new entries to foster care

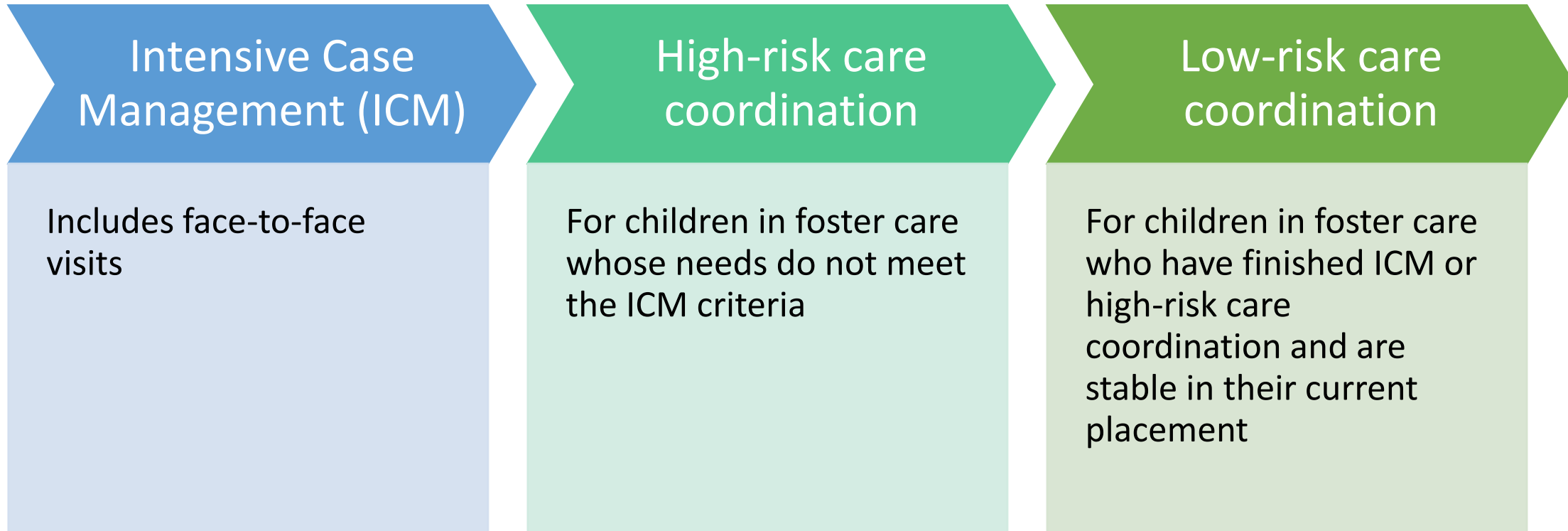


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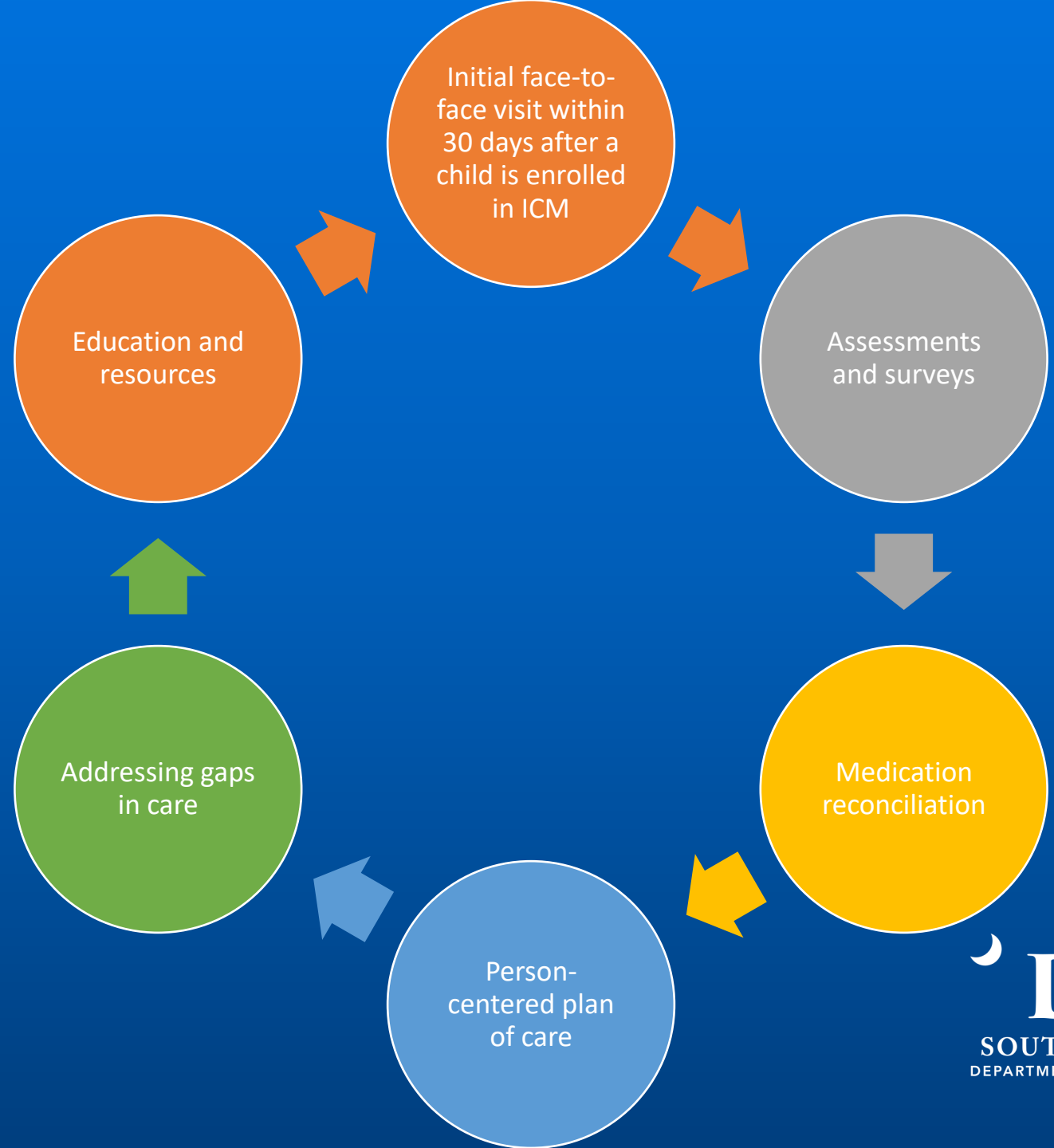
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Identify any immediate needs and priorities

Select Health Care Coordination:



Select Health Care Management Interventions



Care Coordination Achievable Outcomes

Finding

Finding primary care providers and specialists as needed



Assisting

Assisting with identifying and closing care gaps



Coordinating

Coordinating behavioral health services



Helping

Helping to ensure American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) health care guidelines are followed for children entering foster care



Helping

Helping with medication management and addressing barriers to compliance



Reviewing

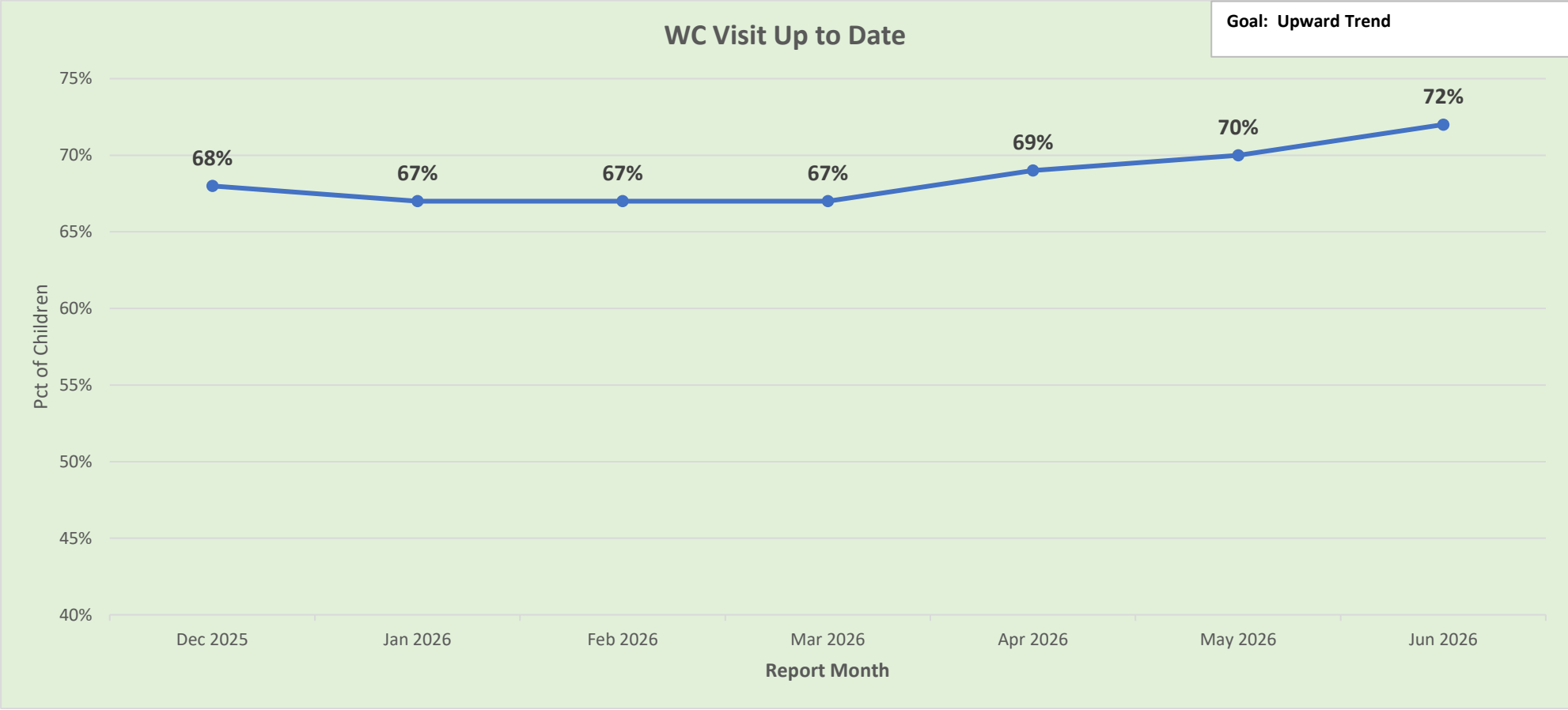
Reviewing basic needs



Helping

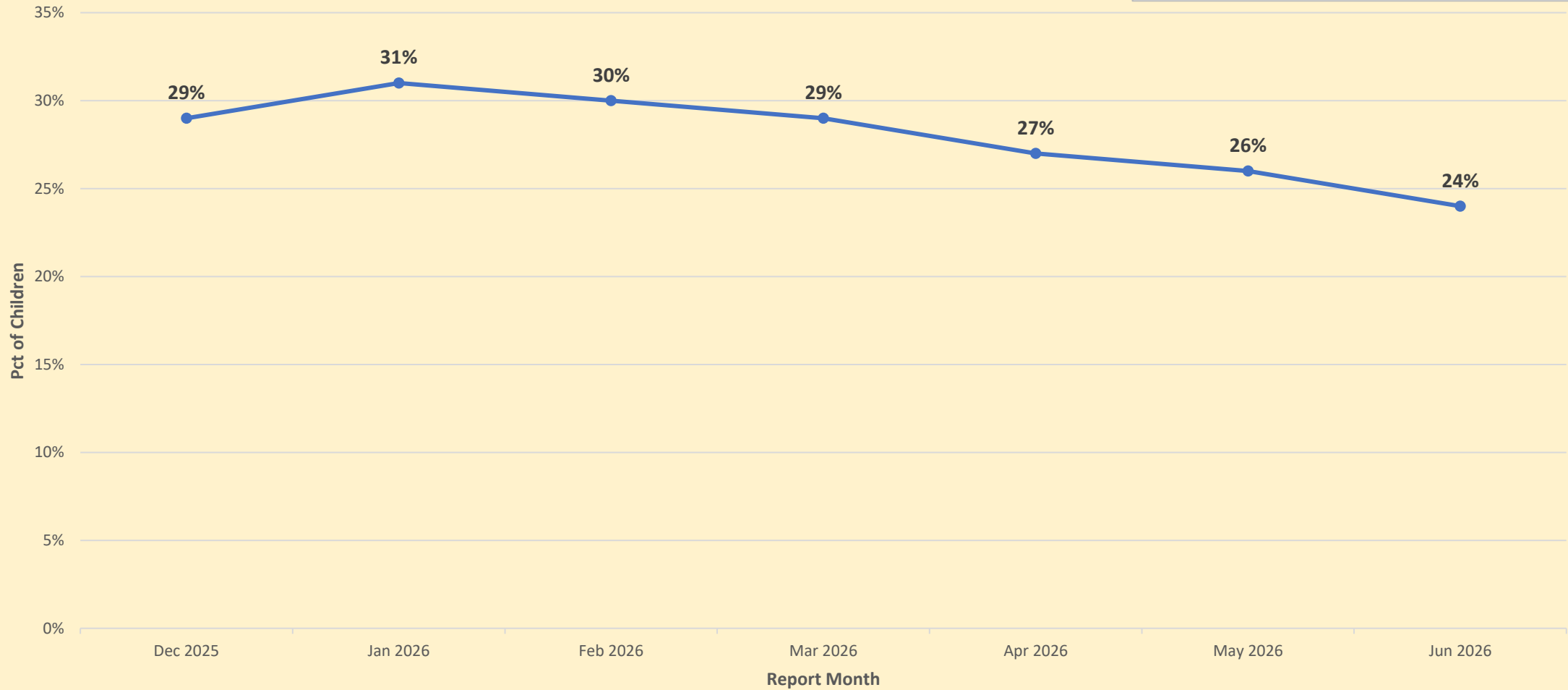
Helping to connect to community resources

Well Child Visit Data



WC Visit Past Due

Goal: Downward Trend



Select Health Data

2025 Late or Missing WCV Campaign

January	1051
February	1073
March	1000
April	961
May	999
June	983
July	838
August	902
September	878
October	919
November	876
December	933

2026 Late or Missing WCV Campaign

January	979
February	974
March	822
April	752
May	742
June	682

**726 Members Engaged with
Intensive Case Management
Currently**

DSS Nursing Team

Nurses Contact

Counties

Vickie Price, RN	<i>PeeDee</i> vickie.price@dss.sc.gov 843-610-5067
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■ PeeDee
 ■ Upstate/Midlands
 ■ Upstate
 ■ Lowcountry
■ Midlands/Lowcountry
■ Midlands/Upstate
■ Midlands

Select Health Points of Contact

Program Area	Point of Contact	Reason
Select Health Foster Care Team	Darby Murphy 843-860-6021 dmurphy@selecthealthofsc.com	Select Health Foster Care Team, Manager
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Select Health Foster Care Team	Jera Elmore 843-291-1222 jelmore@selecthealthofsc.com	Select Health Foster Care Team, Supervisor

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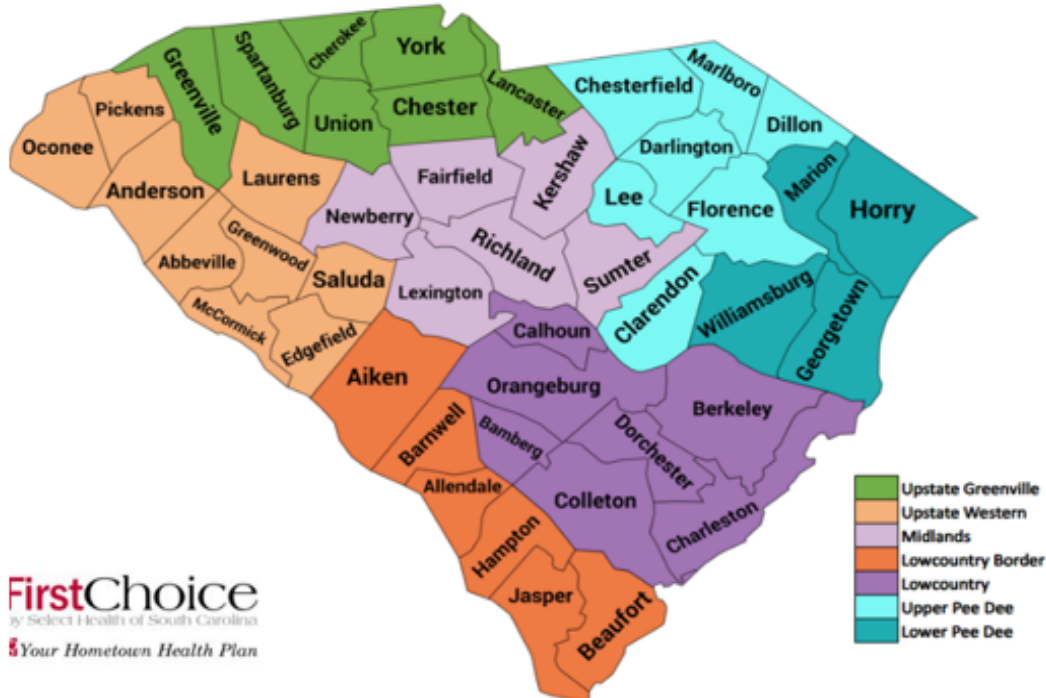
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Aiken Allendale Bamberg Barnwell Beaufort Berkeley Calhoun Charleston Colleton Dorchester Hampton Jasper Orangeburg			
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Market Clinical Director	Joyce Green	(843) 414-8335	jgreen7@selectthealthofsc.com

Select Health of SC: Foster Care Team



FirstChoice
by Select Health of South Carolina
Your Hometown Health Plan

**Thank you for your time and all you do for the
children and youth in South Carolina!**

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thank you