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The following services must be performed by a Participating Provider who is not a behavioral health specialist in the designated timeframes of a child being placed in foster care.

Initial Health Services Time Frames

Type of Service	Time Frame	Who Performs
Initial Screening/Screening for Abuse/Neglect	Within 24 hours of request	Health Practitioner (preferred) or Child Welfare Caseworker/Health Staff
nitial Determination of Capacity to Consent for HIV Risk Assessment & Testing	Within 5 days of request	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
nitial HIV Risk Assessment for Child Without Capacity to Consent	Within 5 days of request	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
Request Consent for Release of Medical Records and Treatment	Within 10 days of request	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
nitial Medical Assessment	Within 30 days of request	Health Practitioner
nitial Dental Assessment	Within 30 days of request	Health Practitioner
nitial Mental Health Assessment	Within 30 days of request	Mental Health Practitioner
Family Planning Education and Counseling, and Follow-Up Health Care for Youth Aged 12 and Older or younger as appropriate)	Within 30 days of request	Health Practitioner
HIV Risk Assessment for Child with Possible Capacity to Consent	Within 30 days of request	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
Arrange HIV Testing for Child with No Possibility of Capacity to Consent, and Assessed to be at Risk of HIV Infection	30 days	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
nitial Developmental Assessment	45 days	Health Practitioner
nitial Substance Abuse Treatment	45 days	Health Practitioner
ollow-up Health Evaluation	60 days	Health Practitioner
Arrange HIV Testing for Child Determined in Follow-up Assessment to be Without Capacity to Consent and Assessed to be at Risk of HIV Infection	60 days	Child Welfare Caseworker or Designated Staff
Arrange HIV Testing for Child With Capacity to Consent who has agreed in writing to consent to testing	60 days	Child Welfare Caseworker or Health Staff

More information can be found at **health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care**. Information is also updated regularly and can be accessed by visiting **mvphealthcare.com/policies** and selecting *Provider Policies*, then select *Provider Responsibilities*.

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