

## Healthcare Checklist for Out of State Placements

The items below all need to be determined prior to a child being placed out of state

**1. Identify the healthcare providers that the child will need in the new state and who these providers will be. The substitute caretaker with whom the child will be placed should identify the providers in the new state.**

- Primary Care Physician (PCP)
- Pharmacy
- Dental
- Behavioral Health
- Specialists if applicable
- Home care providers if applicable
- Medical equipment vendors if applicable

**2. Medical Records**

- Ensure that medical records are provided to the new substitute caretaker, so that they can give them to the new PCP and any other specialists, if applicable. It's best if DCF staff obtains the records and gives them to the new caretaker.

**3. Medications**

- Ensure that the child is transferred with at least one month supply of medication and that the prescription(s) are given to the substitute caretaker and include refills. This may require a special override and/or prior approval from the health insurer.  
\*\*Some states are requesting at least three months' worth of medication because it takes that long to enroll a child in Medicaid in the receiving state
- For each medication, identify a prescriber in the new state for each medication.
- Identify the pharmacy in the new state that the caretaker will use

**\*\* If the child will only have MA Medicaid (MassHealth), it's likely that this will not be accepted by an out of state pharmacy, therefore it will require a cash payment. The Area Office will be responsible for this payment unless other arrangements were made as part of the ICPC agreement with the substitute caretaker.**

**4. Health Insurance**

- Identify if the child will be Title IV-E eligible.
- If the child is Title IV-E eligible, they will qualify for the receiving state's Medicaid coverage. Refer questions to the DCF ICPC Unit regarding how to arrange for the receiving state's Medicaid coverage.
- If the child is not Title IV-E eligible, please refer to the "Medical Plan for ICPC Placement" document, found on the Intranet, for alternative ways to get health insurance coverage.

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT: If the child will only have MassHealth coverage, it's very likely that there will be no providers that accept the insurance and therefore the Area Office will be responsible for payment.**