COMMUNITY HEALTH CHOICE

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THSTEPS MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHECK-UPS DURING COVID-19

To limit exposure to COVID-19 and allow providers to focus on acute care, HHSC encourages medical and dental providers to make decisions on adjusting clinical operations based on professional medical judgement and/or guidance from professional medical and dental societies. This should include considering the risk of exposure to COVID-19 at the local and community level.

These adjustments may include deciding to temporarily postpone certain check-ups, limiting check-ups to certain times of the day, dedicating specific rooms for sick visits and well visits, and prioritizing visits for younger children, especially those due for routine vaccines.

Medical providers are encouraged to continue providing in-person medical exams for children entering DFPS conservatorship ("3-day exam"). This is an opportunity to have a child new to DFPS conservatorship be seen by a health care provider and for the new caregiver to have information about the child's health. These medical visits are very important.

Visit the professional society websites below for more information:

- American Academy of Pediatrics: https://services.aap.org/en/pages/covid-19-clinical-guidance-q-a/
- American Dental Association: https://www.ada.org/en/member-center/coronavirus-resource-toolkit-for-ada-members