

 <b>Department of Children &amp; Family Services</b> <i>Building a Stronger Louisiana</i>	<b>Division/Section</b>	Child Welfare
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➤ **PURPOSE**

CW Form 98-F is used for the initial health examination of a child in a Foster Care case. The form is also used for re-evaluation health examinations for children in foster care. Acceptable substitutions are residential provider physical exam reports and KID-MED screening form.

➤ **PREPARATION**

The type of examination requested (Annual Physical or Other, specify: placement, discharge, etc.) and the child’s name, date of birth, race, and sex, should be completed by the DCFS Worker along with the return address of the DCFS office and telephone number. The CW Form 98-F is prepared in single copy by the examining professional. Examining professionals who meet the DCFS requirements for performing a physical exam include the following Physician (M.D.), Physician’s Assistant (P.A. or P.A.C.), Nurse Practitioner (A.P.R.N., C.N.M., C.R.N.A., C.N.S., N.P., or specialization area followed by N.P., or otherwise designated by M.S.N.), or KID-MED screening provider.

The KID-MED screening program allows a registered nurse to complete the screening physical. Therefore, if a registered nurse in the KID-MED program completes the physical exam and the documentation clearly indicates that this is a KID-MED registered nurse; DCFS requirements for a physical exam have been met. Physical exams by a registered nurse not working for a KID-MED provider or that do not clearly indicate that this was a KID-MED screening do not meet the DCFS requirements for a physical exam.

➤ **DISPOSITION**

Upon completion, the form must be mailed directly to the DCFS office by the examiner or given to the caregiver accompanying the child to the exam to give to the foster care case worker. The following conditions documented on the 98-F should be reported on the TIPS 140 screen in one of the following categories:

- Intellectual Disability
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Vision Impairment
- Hearing Impairment & Deafness
- Orthopedic Impairment or Other
- Mental/Emotional Disorders
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity
- Serious Mental Disorders
- Developmental Delay
- Developmental Disability
- Other Diagnosis

[CW Form 98](#) is filed in the case record.