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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	44	20	0	0	<p>There were 13 error cases in which the date reported to AFCARS was not reflective of an activity that meets the requirements for a periodic review.</p> <p>There were five error cases in which the reviewer found a later date than the one reported. In three cases the date was a date that occurred several months prior to the report period under review. In two of the five cases it was not clear if the older date was actually a periodic review.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	64	0	0	0	
#7 Child Sex	64	0	0	0	
1 = Male 2 = Female					
#8 Child Race	64	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	64	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	64	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	64	0	0	0	

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e. White	64	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	64	0	0	0	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	64	0	0	0	
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	53	11	0	0	In five error cases, the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.” In six error cases, the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
#11 Mental Retardation	57	7	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	64	0	0	0	
#13 Physically Disabled	59	5	0	0	The responses should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	53	11	0	0	In six of the error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” In five of the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not

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					apply.”
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	56	8	0	0	
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	64	0	0	0	
#17 Age at Previous Adoption 0 = Not Applicable 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = Unable to Determine	63	1	0	0	The wrong age category was reported to AFCARS.
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	54	8	0	2	In one error case the reviewer found an older removal date. In three error cases, the actual date of removal was not reported. Instead the court order date was reported. In four error cases, the actual date of removal was later than the one reported to AFCARS. One of these

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					was because the child actually only had one removal episode. In one other case, the date was later because the child was initially placed in a hospital and the court order date was reported not the placement date into foster care.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	56	5	0	3	In two error cases, the reviewer found more removal episodes than what was reported to AFCARS. In three error cases, the reviewer found fewer removal episodes.
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	55	7	0	2	In one error case, this field was blank but the child had a prior removal episode. In one error case, this element should have been blank because the child had only one removal episode. In two error cases, the reviewer found a later date than the one reported. In three error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported.
#21 Date of Latest Removal	59	5	0	0	In one error case, the date was later

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					<p>because the child was initially placed in a hospital and the court order date was reported not the placement date into foster care.</p> <p>In one error cases, the reviewer found that the removal date was actually a month earlier.</p> <p>In three error cases, the actual date of removal was not reported. Instead the court order date was reported.</p>
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	55	3	0	6	<p>In two error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported.</p> <p>In one error case, the date should have been later than the one reported.</p>
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	36	22	0	6	<p>In 12 error cases, the reviewer found more placements than what was reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In 10 error cases, the reviewer found fewer placements than what was reported. In some instances, it appears that respites and status changes were incorrectly included in the count.</p>

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#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	64	0	0	0	
#26 Physical Abuse	63	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#27 Sexual Abuse	61	3	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#28 Neglect	55	9	0	0	In eight error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	64	0	0	0	
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	59	5	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	64	0	0	0	
#32 Child Drug Abuse	64	0	0	0	
#33 Child Disability	48	16	0	0	The responses should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”

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#34 Child's Behavior Problem	58	6	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#35 Death of Parent	64	0	0	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	59	5	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	60	4	0	0	In three error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In one error case, should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#38 Abandonment	59	5	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#39 Relinquishment	64	0	0	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	58	6	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In two error cases, should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”

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#41 Current Placement Setting 1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home (Relative) 3 = Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit	56	6	0	2	The errors were: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Reported</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Identified by Reviewer</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institution</td> <td>Supervised IL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institution</td> <td>Group Home (3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institution</td> <td>Relative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Relative</td> <td>Relative</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Identified by Reviewer</u>	Institution	Supervised IL	Institution	Group Home (3)	Institution	Relative	Non-Relative	Relative				
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#42 Out of State Placement	58	4	0	2	The response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”														
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal 1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	58	6	0	0	The errors were: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Reported</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Identified by Reviewer</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adoption</td> <td>Emancipation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LTFC</td> <td>Emancipation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not Establ.</td> <td>Reunification</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adoption</td> <td>Reunification</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reunification</td> <td>Adoption</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adoption</td> <td>Live w/Relatives</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Identified by Reviewer</u>	Adoption	Emancipation	LTFC	Emancipation	Not Establ.	Reunification	Adoption	Reunification	Reunification	Adoption	Adoption	Live w/Relatives
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<p>#44 Caretaker Family Structure</p> <p>1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine</p>	31	33	0	0	<p>In 19 error cases, the response should have been “single female” instead of “unable to determine.”</p> <p>In three error cases, the response should have been “unmarried couple” instead of “single female.”</p> <p>In five error cases, the response should have been “married couple” instead of “single female.”</p> <p>In three error cases, the response should have been “married couple” instead of “unmarried couple.”</p> <p>In one error case, the response should have been “married couple” instead of “single male.”</p> <p>In one error cases, the response should have been “single male” instead of “unable to determine.”</p> <p>In one error case, the response should have been “married couple” instead of “unable to determine.”</p>
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	41	23	0	0	<p>In 21 error cases, there should have been a year of birth instead of this element being left blank.</p>

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					In two error cases, the wrong year was entered/reported.
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	54	10	0	0	In the error cases, there should have been a year of birth instead of this element being left blank.
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	54	10	0	0	<p>In seven error cases, this element was blank but there had been a TPR.</p> <p>In one error case a date was reported but there was no TPR.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found an earlier date.</p> <p>In one error case, the date reported was incorrect.</p>
#48 Father's Date of TPR	55	9	0	0	<p>In six error cases, this element was blank but there had been a TPR.</p> <p>In one error case the wrong date was reported.</p>
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	61	3	0	0	<p>In two error cases, the response should have been “married couple instead of “single female.”</p> <p>In one error case, the response should have been “single female” instead of “not applicable.”</p>

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#50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	62	2	0	0	A year of birth should have been reported.
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	61	3	0	0	A year of birth should have been reported.
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
b. Asian	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
c. Black or African American	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
e. White	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
f. Unable to Determine	63	1	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	62	2	0	0	Ethnic information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.

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a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
c. Black or African American	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
e. White	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
f. Unable to Determine	61	3	0	0	Race information should have been reported instead of this element being blank.
#55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	60	4	0	0	Ethnic information should have been reported instead of this element being blank. In one error case, the response should have been "no" instead of "unable to determine."
#56 Date of Discharge	64	1	0	0	The date of the child's 18 th birthday should have been reported. Instead a later date was reported (a month later).
#58 Reason for Discharge	64	1	0	0	The discharge reason should have

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#59 Title IV-E Foster Care					
#60 Title IV-E Adoption					
#61 Title IV-A AFDC					
#62 Title IV-D Child Support					
#63 Title XIX Medicaid					
#64 SSI					
#65 None of the Above					
#66 Monthly Amount					

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	30	0	0	0	
#5 Child Date of Birth	30	0	0	0	
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	30	0	0	0	
#7 Child Race	30	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	30	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	30	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	30	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	30	0	0	0	

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#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other	28	0	2	0	The two cases marked as questionable were because the reviewers noted these were “deferred” cases.
#11 Mental Retardation	29	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	29	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#13 Physically Disabled	29	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	28	2	0	0	The errors were due to this item reported as “applies.” In one element #10 had “age” as the primary basis for special needs, the other was “membership in a sibling group to be placed for adoption” (confirmed by the reviewer).
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	30	0	0	0	
#16 Mother's Birth Year	30	0	0	0	
#17 Father's Birth Year	23	7	0	0	In six of the error cases the AFCARS

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					field was blank but the reviewers found a year of birth. In one error case the wrong year was reported.
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	25	5	0	0	The response should have been “no” instead of “unable to determine.”
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	26	6	0	0	The signature date and not the hearing date was reported for this element.
#20 Date of Father's TPR	25	5	0	0	In four error cases the reviewers noted the signature date was reported to AFCARS and not the hearing date. In one error case the reviewers found an earlier date (this may have been the hearing date).
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	29	1	0	0	The error case was due to the hearing occurring in December, 2010 but the date reported as the finalization date was March, 2011. This was the signature date.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple	30	0	0	0	

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3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male					
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	29	1	0	0	The AFCARS field was blank but the reviewer found a year of birth.
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	30	0	0	0	
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	30	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	30	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	30	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "no" instead of "unable to determine."
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	30	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	30	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	30	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or	30	0	0	0	

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Other Pacific Islander					
e. White	30	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	30	0	0	0	
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	30	0	0	0	
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	20	0	10	0	The questionable cases had a relationship of “foster parent” as the only relationship. The reviewer did not indicate if the adoptive parents were related or not to the child.
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	28	2	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	14	6	10	0	The six error cases should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” This was an additional relationship. The questionable cases had a relationship of “foster parent” as the only relationship. The reviewer did not indicate if the adoptive parents were related or not to the child.
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	30	0	0	0	

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#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	30	0	0	0	
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	30	0	0	0	
#36 Monthly Amount	30	0	0	0	
#37 Adoption Assistance	30	0	0	0	