

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN: General Requirements

State: Georgia

AFCARS Reporting Period: October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011 (2011A)

No.	Requirement	Rating Factor	Findings	Tasks	Estimated Completion Date	Notes
1	<p>Each State's data transmission must include all children in foster care for whom the State title IV-B/IV-E agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <p>The State agency shall transmit semi-annually information on each child in foster care during the reporting period (45 CFR 1355.40 (b)(1)).</p> <p>The population to be included in this reporting system includes all children in foster care under the responsibility of the State agency administering or supervising the administration of the title IV-B Child and Family Services State plan and the title IV-E State plan; that is, all children who are required to be provided the assurances of section 422(b)(10) of the Social Security Act (Appendix A to Part 1355--Foster Care Data Elements, Section II--Definitions).</p>	2	<p><u>Program Code, LNs 13868 – 13943 and 33965 - 34043</u></p> <p>1) The legal status “short-term emergency care” is not included in the selection logic.</p> <p>2) The selection logic is incorrectly including the records of children whose only placement is a hospital or locked facility (juvenile justice) and the agency has responsibility for placement and care.</p>	<p><u>Program Code</u></p> <p>1) These records are to be included in the AFCARS reporting population. See item #5 for additional information regarding when these records are to be part of the reporting population.</p> <p>2) Modify the selection logic to exclude removal episodes that only have a placement in a hospital or a locked facility.</p> <p><u>Data Quality</u></p> <p>1) Describe how the State will ensure that these records are being entered into the system.</p>		
5	<p>The reporting system includes all children who have or had been in foster care at least 24</p>	2	<p>Since the selection logic must be modified to include “short-term legal status,” there may</p>	<p>Modify the program code to check for the start and end time of a removal episode.</p>		

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	hours. (Appendix A to Part 1355--Foster Care Data Elements, Section II--Definitions)		be some of these children that will be in care for less than 24 hours.	<p>Exclude records that have a removal episode of 24 hours or less from the reporting population.</p> <p>There is a time field associated with the placement date. The State may want to consider using this date when calculating if a removal episode is 24 hours or less.</p>		
12	<p>The data must be extracted from the data system as of the last day of the reporting period and must be submitted in electronic form as described in appendix C to this part and in record layouts as delineated in appendix D to this part. (45 CFR 1355.40, sections (b)(1))</p> <p>For foster care information, the child-specific data to be transmitted must reflect the data in the information system when the data are extracted. (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(2))</p> <p>Provide data for all children who were discharged from foster care at any time during the reporting period, or in the previous reporting period, if not</p>		<p>The test deck had several errors for the current report period (11A). The data though would be correct in the 11B report in most cases. The test deck report periods were 10A, 10B and 11A. One of the issues impacting the accuracy of the information is the State's use of effective dates and transaction dates. If the data for an event or action is entered late (in the following report period), then the information is not being extracted and reported for the regular report period.</p> <p>In regard to subsequent files, the same issues are occurring and this is tied to how the</p>	Identify and make corrections to the program code.		

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	previously reported. (Appendix D, 45 CFR 1355 Foster Care and Adoption Record Layouts Section A.1.b(5)).		State extracts the file using the transaction dates. If the State submits a prior report period, the data for the events, actions, etc. that occurred in that report period must be reported.			