Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Foster Care Medical (Specialty) Form FAQs

1. **What is this form?**
   This is called the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Foster Care Medical (Specialty) Form.

2. **Why is this form important?**
   The HCPCFC provides health care coordination and follow-up support by PHNs for children, youth and non-minor dependents in foster care. This includes care coordination and follow-up support related to medical, dental, mental health and other health care needs. In order to provide this support to these children and youth, foster care PHNs require comprehensive health information. Health information can come from health care providers who deliver primary, preventive and specialty care to the children and youth who are under the care, custody and control of the county welfare agency.

   The **Welfare and Institutions Code 16501.3** (implemented as the HCPCFC) and **Civil Code Section 56.103 of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act** authorize Foster Care PHNs to receive medical information/protected health information for a minor child from health care providers.

   If the youth is a non-minor dependent, permission must be obtained from the youth to provide the requested health information to the foster care PHN upon request.

3. **When do we start using this form?**
   *This form should be implemented as soon as possible and no later than January 1, 2020.*

4. **Who should use this form?**
   Any medical and other specialty health care provider who delivers care to foster children/youth, regardless of payer source.

5. **When do we use this form?**
   The HCPCFC Foster Care Medical (Specialty) form has replaced the health contact form and *must* be completed after any primary, preventive or specialty care encounter with a foster child/youth. **Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) may require additional documentation for licensing purposes.**

6. **How do we send this form?**
   Please use confidential fax to send the form *to 805-696-8951 within 5 business days of the health examination.*

7. **What will happen after the form is faxed?**
   The HCPCFC Foster Care PHN will enter the information in the child’s health passport and provide follow-up as needed.