

LCCS POLICY 935
**Assessment of Caregivers Knowledge of Complex
 Medical Equipment or Treatment**

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Scope:	The provisions of this policy shall apply to the LCCS Health Services Nurses, Workers of Record, Placement staff, and Caregivers.
Responsibility:	Health Services Supervisor
Purpose:	To ensure that caregivers of medically dependent children have the knowledge and ability to operate the prescribed medical equipment or provide the prescribed treatment.
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POLICY STATEMENT

Caregivers are expected to have received specific training from a hospital-based program, and/or the supplier of the medical equipment. This policy provides guidelines for follow-up to that training. LCCS' Health Services nurses will upon request assess for any barriers that prevent/hinder the caregivers' ability to provide care to medically dependent children.

Medically Dependent Child is a child requiring complex medical equipment or treatment, who is receiving service from LCCS, and is placed outside his/her own home with a foster or relative caregiver.

PROCEDURE

THE WORKER OF RECORD

When there is a child, on a LCCS open referral or case, whose medical care requires the use of complex medical equipment or treatment, the worker of record will:

- Determine whether a visiting nurse is providing follow-up care, including an assessment of the caregiver's knowledge of the equipment or treatment.
- Contact Health Services to notify them of any medically dependent child on their caseload.
- Request an assessment and follow up visit by a Health Services nurse if there are concerns regarding the medically dependent child's care.

HEALTH SERVICES STAFF

Upon receiving a request from the worker of record, the LCCS Nurse will, within **three** working days:

- Contact the visiting nurse if a visiting nurse is following the child to obtain information about the caregiver's ability.
- Document information received from the visiting nurse in the child's medical record.
- Schedule a home visit, if the visiting nurse identifies concerns related to the caregiver's ability to meet the child's medical needs.
- Make the home visit and complete an assessment.
- Notify the Health Services Supervisor of any concerns regarding the child's health/safety.

If a visiting nurse is not already following the child, the LCCS Nurse will, within three working days of receipt of the request from the Worker of Record:

- Call substitute caregiver to arrange an appointment for a home visit.
- Make the home visit and complete an assessment.
- Notify the Health Services Supervisor of any concerns regarding the child's health/safety
- Document information in the child's medical record.
- If necessary, arrange for further education and/or training.
- Follow-up with the caregiver after education and/or training occurs.

If the caregiver received a favorable assessment, the Health Services nurse who conducted the assessment will notify the worker of record / supervisor, and foster care supervisor, if applicable via E-mail.

If the caregiver did not receive a favorable assessment, the Health Services nurse who conducted the assessment will meet to discuss the case with the worker of record / supervisor and out of home care supervisor, if applicable. The nurse will send written documentation to the worker of record / supervisor and out-of-home care supervisor, if applicable.

In cases in which the caregiver does not receive a favorable assessment, the worker of record / supervisor and out-of-home care supervisor, if applicable, will in conjunction with their departmental managers, make a determination about the continuing care of the child. A change of placement may be appropriate if a viable plan to correct the barriers cannot be developed.

CASE PRACTICE GUIDES

RELATED POLICIES and FORMS