Federal Child and Family Service Reviews Measures – Round 3 (CFSR3)

The diagrams in this document illustrate how the CFSR3 measures are calculated, using these icons:

- A child entering out-of-home care
- Discharge from out-of-home care
- Moved to another placement in out-of-home care
- A substantiated maltreatment allegation
Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Out of Home Care (OHC)

The three permanency measures do not overlap; each focuses on a different cohort of children who entered OHC before the 12-month Outcome Window during one of the three timeframes illustrated below.

Children over age 18 as of the Outcome Window start date are not included in this measure; therefore, the earliest possible date of inclusion is 18 years prior to the Outcome Window start date.
Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Out of Home Care (OHC)

Of all children who entered OHC within a specific 12-month period (the Observation Window), what proportion of them discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering OHC?

Federal Standard = 40.5% or greater

OHC: March 2018
Permanence: Jan 2019

OHC: May 2018
Permanence: July 2019

OHC: Oct 2018
Permanence: ?

Observation Window

Outcome Window

12 months

Permanency Rate: \( \frac{1}{3} = 33.3\% \) (A / A + B + C)

3 examples:

A

B

C

Jan 1, 2018

Dec 31, 2018

Dec 31, 2019

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Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Out of Home Care (OHC) 12-23 Months

Of all children who had been in OHC for 12-23 months as of the first day of a specific 12-month period (the Outcome Window), what proportion of them discharged to permanency by the end of that 12-month Outcome period?

Federal Standard = 43.6% or greater

Permanency Rate: \( \frac{1}{3} = 33.3\% \)

(A / A + B + C)

3 examples:

- **Observation Window**
  - 11 months

- **Outcome Window**
  - 12 months (2018)

- Feb 1, 2017 to Jan 1, 2019

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- OHC: May 2017
  - Permanence: Feb 2019

- OHC: Feb 2017
  - Permanence: Jan 2020

- OHC: Nov 2017
  - Permanence: ?

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Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Out of Home Care (OHC) 24 Months+

Of all children who had been in OHC for 24 or more months as of the first day of a specific 12-month period (the Outcome Window), what proportion of them discharged to permanency by the end of that 12-month Outcome period?

Federal Standard = 30.3% or greater

Permanency Rate: \( \frac{1}{3} = 33.3\% \)

(A / A + B + C)

Observation Window

Outcome Window

Jan 1, 2001

Feb 1, 2017

Jan 1, 2019

Dec 31, 2019

23 months (2017 & 2018)

12 months

3 examples:

A

B

C

OHC: May 2014
Permanence: Feb 2019

OHC: April 2009
Permanence: Jan 2020

OHC: Nov 2016
Permanence: ?

Children over age 18 as of the Outcome Window start date are not included in this measure; therefore, the earliest possible date of inclusion is 18 years prior to the Outcome Window start date.

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Placement Stability for Children in Out of Home Care (OHC)

Of children who entered OHC within a specific 12-month period: how many placement moves occurred per the total number of days those children were in OHC? (multiplied by 1,000 days)

Federal Standard = less than 4.12 moves per 1,000 days

In OHC: 320 days
Moves: 3

In OHC: 250 days
Moves: 0

In OHC: 120 days
Moves: 2

Placement Stability Rate:
(5 moves/ 690 days) * 1,000 = 7.25

3 examples:

Observation and Outcome Window

Jan 1, 2019          Dec 31, 2019

A

B

C

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Maltreatment in Out of Home Care (OHC)

Of children who were in OHC within a specific 12-month period: how many substantiated maltreatment allegations occurred per the total number of days those kids were in OHC during that 12-month period? (multiplied by 100,000 days)

Federal Standard = less than 8.5 victimizations per 100,000 days

In OHC: 365 days
Substantiated Allegations: 1

In OHC: 280 days
Substantiated Allegations: 0

In OHC: 120 days
Substantiated Allegations: 2

Maltreatment Rate:
(3 substantiated allegations / 765 days) * 100,000 = 392.2

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Recurrence of Maltreatment

Of all children who experienced a substantiated allegation of maltreatment during a specific 12-month period (the Observation Window): what proportion of them experienced another substantiated allegation of maltreatment within the following 12 months? Note: the children do not need to be in out-of-home care to qualify for this measure.

Federal Standard = 9.1% or less

Subsequent Substantiated Allegations: 0

Subsequent Substantiated Allegations: 1

Jan 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018

Recurrence of Maltreatment: 1 subsequent substantiated allegation / 3 children with an initial maltreatment incident = 33.3%

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Re-Entry into Out of Home Care (OHC)

Of all children who entered OHC during a specific 12-month period (the Observation Window) and were discharged from OHC within 12 months, what proportion of them re-entered OHC within 12 months of being discharged?

Federal Standard = 8.3% or less

- Re-Entry within 12 months: yes
- Re-Entry within 12 months: no
- Re-Entry within 12 months: no

Re-Entry: \(\frac{1}{3} = 33.3\%\) 
\(\frac{A}{A + B + C}\)

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For more information on these federal guidelines, go to:

http://kt.cfsrportal.org/ktwebservice/download.php?code=28c0a6fe93e1d3da722c0639389ac7c29338db5d&d=75213&u=publicdownload