

	DHS Early Head Start Program Policy		
HEALTH 4			
SUBJECT	Parent/ Guardian Refusal of Health Services		
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Policy:

The Early Head Start program will develop a procedure to ensure a written refusal is obtained when a parent/guardian refuses to allow their child to participate in or receive health services required or provided by the Early Head Start (EHS) Program and/or outside health service providers.

At a minimum, procedures must include:

- Expectation for obtaining prior approval before using the Refusal of Health Services form.
- Staff must document in ChildPlus efforts made and parent/guardian responses in obtaining health services requirements.
- A completed Refusal of Health Services form must be scanned into Child Plus; the form must include parent/guardian and staff signatures.

In place of the Refusal of Health Services form, a parent/guardian may submit a written statement, including signature and date, indicating which health service(s) they decline. The refusal on a consent form does not require any other statement from the parent or guardian.

Performance Standard(s):

1302.41; 1302.42 (d)(2)