

Children Served with Missing Clinical Diagnosis Frequently Asked Questions

A child who left care in the previous AFCARS period (April – September) appears on the report for the current AFCARS period (October – March).

i.e. The child was discharged on 9/28/08, the M990 was entered on 10/4/08.

The AFCARS definition of served, is
children in care on the last day of the reporting period
or
with a discharge **recorded** during the period.

This discharge record was entered during the period and the child is included in the report.

Children who have been discharged appear on the report.

Children that are active or discharged during the AFCARS reporting period comprise the AFCARS served population.

These children are included in New York's report to the Federal government and are included in the report for your information.

Children who do not have a Connections' Program Choice of "Placement" appear on the report.

The AFCARS population is defined from information in CCRS, which remains the system of record for placement.

The CONNECTIONS' Program Choice is not considered.

In the past, children discharged shortly after admission, appeared on the report.

Children who are discharged within 30 days of admission, are excluded from the report.

Children who are in care less than 30 days, but have not been discharged, are included in the report.

Child ID is filled, but all other Connections fields are blank.

Explanation: The child's CIN was found in Connections but the child has never been tracked in a Family Services Stage

Most Connections fields are filled, but Case Planner Agency ID, Organization and Name are blank

Explanation: The Case Manager is serving as Case Planner

The Connections fields are blank (Child ID, Case Manager, Case Planner Agency ID, Case Planner Organization, Case Planner, CONNX Case ID, Stage ID, Stage Start Date, Stage End Date, Health Responsibility Org, Health Responsibility Start Date, Health Responsibility End Date).

Explanation: The child's CIN could not be found in Connections

All fields are filled except Health Responsibility Org, Health Responsibility Start Date, and Health Responsibility End Date

Explanation: The Case Manager / Case Planner have never assigned health responsibility

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A child appears on the report who has a clinical diagnosis entry prior to the report date.

i.e. the clinical diagnosis occurred on 1/22/09 but the child appears on the February 2009 report.

Any diagnosis entry made after the 'As Of' date in the report heading will not be reflected in the report.

i.e. the diagnosis occurred on 1/22/09 but was not entered until after the 'As Of' date.

Children with a diagnosis entry appear on the report (AFCARS Oct-Mar).

i.e. Appointment Type: Treatment, Date of Appointment: 12/04/08

Appointment Type: Initial Assessment, Date of Appointment: 4/14/09

The Appointment Type must be:

Initial Assessment, Reassessment, or Well Child

and

the appointment must be within the AFCARS reporting period

i.e. the 1st example does not qualify due to the Appointment Type

the 2nd example does not qualify because the appointment is outside of the Oct-Mar AFCARS reporting period.