CONNECTIONS Clue: FAD Medical Exams

*CONNECTIONS is telling me that the foster parents whose home I’m recertifying need an updated medical exam – but their current one is less than 24 months old. What gives?*

When foster homes are recertified, CONNECTIONS calculates the date of the next physical due for the foster parents.

The medical exam is only good for 24 months. This would be two certification cycles if the medical exam date was exactly the same as the certification date. But this is rarely the case.

When the exam date occurs several months before the initial certification, it will be out of synch with the recertification cycle. At recertification the medical exam date cannot be 18 months or older; it must carry forward to a newly recertified home for more than six months of the certification period. When it doesn’t, CONNECTIONS will alert you that a new a medical exam is required for recertification.