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## Report Summary

### *Performance Audit*

### *Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)*

### *Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)*

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The ICPC ensures protection and services to children placed across state lines for foster care, adoption, and residential facility placements by establishing procedures to verify interstate placements are safe, suitable, and able to provide proper care for a child. The MDHHS interstate compact office administers ICPC activities in Michigan by working with other states' central compact offices, local placement agencies, and MDHHS local county offices.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective: To assess the sufficiency of MDHHS's efforts to ensure the safe placement of children across state lines and comply with required time frames for certain interstate placement activities.			Sufficient, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MDHHS did not conduct initial face-to-face visits within 30 days for nearly 1/3 of the sampled children placed within Michigan. In addition, MDHHS did not obtain or timely obtain over 1/2 of the required supervision reports for sampled Michigan children placed in other states ( <a href="#">Finding 1</a> ).	X		Agrees
MDHHS was late in returning more than 25% of sampled home study reports to other states and received more than 60% of sampled reports from other states late ( <a href="#">Finding 2</a> ).	X		Agrees
MDHHS could not consistently support it provided or received timely placement decisions for the sampled placement requests for children with proposed placements within and outside of Michigan ( <a href="#">Finding 3</a> ).	X		Agrees

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