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**Strategies***

- Pilot automation of comprehensive health assessment and follow-up evaluations for PCP, other providers, caseworkers, and caregivers (Cat B, #7)
- Pilot health assessors having access to foster care electronic data already in the state system (Cat B, #7)
- Expand Foster Care Health Passport database as surveillance tracking tool for state planners. (Cat B, #7)
- Evaluate automation pilots impact on caregivers and foster care utilization and outcomes. (Cat B, #7,8)
- Assess feasibility of expanding comprehensive assessment model statewide for all foster care children and other special needs children (Cat B,# 7,8)

**Process Measures**

- # of providers, case workers, accessing comprehensive health and mental health needs assessment
- Procedural and policy changes to extend access
- # of data sources and reporting measures in Health Passport database
- # of reports available
- # of surveys completed
- Report from claims analysis

**Short-Term Outcomes**

- Improved access to foster care comprehensive assessment info
- Increased access to information on medical care providers serving these children to facilitate medical record review
- Reduced duplication and admin burden on case workers and assessors
- Reduced time in accessing records and processing evaluation

**Intermediate Outcomes**

- Increased awareness of foster care children's health needs
- Increased early identification of problems and referrals to treatment
- Increase in communication between primary care and other foster care providers/case workers.
- Improved access to actionable data for foster care child health planning

**Long-Term Outcomes**

- Decreased crisis events and need for crisis intervention
- Improved foster care children's health status (clinical measures)
- Improved Availability of child health info for permanency planning
- Greater service integration and program planning for foster children
- Expansion of automated assessment statewide and to other high need populations

*Language in parenthesis indicates the corresponding Category and objectives in the IHOC operational plan

^A comprehensive health assessment includes a medical, behavioral, dental, and developmental assessment done by a team of specialists at intake.