

**AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN –
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

State: Washington

Report Period Under Review: April 1, 2002 – September 30, 2002

REQUIREMENT	RATING FACTOR	TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
<p>POPULATION REQUIREMENTS – Foster care</p> <p>[The State] Must include all children in foster care for whom the agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children who are required to be provided the protection of section 422(b)(10) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (Appendix A – SECTION II). 	3			
<p>[The State] Does not include children who are in their own homes under the responsibility of the State agency (Appendix A - SECTION II).</p>		<p>For families that receive intensive in-home services and the child(ren) are placed in a foster home while the parents receive respite services, caseworkers must enter these stays (for more than 24 hours) as removals from home with a voluntary placement agreement.</p> <p>Describe how the State will provide monitoring oversight to ensure that workers enter this information.</p>		
<p>[The State must] Include all children who are in the placement, care, or supervision responsibility of the title IV-B/E agency that have been returned home while under the agency’s responsibility for care, placement or supervision (Child Welfare Policy Manual, Section 1.3, AFCARS Reporting Population).</p>		<p>Workers must record these as “placements” and not discharges from care. If the child is returned home for a specified period of time, the State must report the child in AFCARS for the full specified period of time. If it is for a non-specified period of time, and the child is home for six months</p>		

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		<p>without being discharged, then the worker can enter the case discharged at that time for AFCARS purposes.</p> <p>Describe how the State will provide monitoring oversight to ensure that workers enter this information.</p>		

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The data must be extracted from the data system as of the last day of the reporting period (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(1)).		<p>There are dates reflecting activity that occurs outside of the AFCARS report period. The State needs to modify its extraction code to pull data reflecting activity that occurs prior to the end of the report period.</p> <p><i>Post site-visit analysis: The State has modified its program code to check for and extract dates that occur prior to the end of the report period.</i></p>		
State extracts all records based on the transaction date of discharge (ACYF-PI-CB-95-09, Reissued May 23, 1995).		<p>No. The State does not use the transaction date. State must modify the program code to extract the data based on the transaction date.</p> <p><i>Post site-visit analysis: The State has modified its program code to use the transaction dates for extracting the foster care file.</i></p>		