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This is the technical documentation for the Title IV-E Agency AFCARS Data Quality Utility (DQU). It is a companion to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Technical Bulletin #5a, which is a user's manual for the DQU. This documentation is intended to give a more technical description of how the Data Quality Utility works.

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I. Introduction

A. AFCARS Background

AFCARS is designed to collect uniform, reliable information on children who are under the responsibility of the title IV-B/IV-E agency for placement, care, or supervision. The collection of adoption and foster care data is mandated by section 479 of the Social Security Act (the Act). The requirements for AFCARS are codified in Federal regulation at 45 CFR 1355.40. Effective October 1, 2009, section 479B(b) of the Act authorizes direct Federal funding of Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Tribal consortia that choose to operate a foster care, adoption assistance and, at Tribal option, a kinship guardianship assistance program under title IV-E of the Act. On January 6, 2012, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR)⁴ to implement statutory provisions related to the Tribal title IV-E program. The Federal regulations at 45 CFR 1355.40 were amended to apply the same regulatory requirements for data collection and reporting to a Tribal title IV-E agency as are applied to a State title IV-E agency.

AFCARS was established to provide data that would assist in policy development and program management. Data can be used by policymakers at the Federal, Tribal, and State levels to assess the reasons why children are in foster care and to develop strategies to prevent their unnecessary placement into foster care. Specifically, the data include information about foster care placements, adoptive parents, and length of time in foster care, and make it possible to identify trends in particular geographic areas. Also, the data enable the Children's Bureau to administer the Federal title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance programs more effectively. The Children's Bureau and ACF use these data for a number of purposes, including:

- responding to Congressional requests for current data on children in foster care or those who have been adopted;
- responding to questions and requests from other Federal departments and agencies, including the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG), national advocacy organizations, States, Tribes, and other interested organizations;
- developing short- and long-term budget projections;
- developing trend analyses and short- and long-term planning;
- targeting areas for greater or potential technical assistance efforts, for discretionary service grants, research and evaluation, and regulatory change; and
- determining and assessing outcomes for children and families.

Additionally, the AFCARS data are used specifically in the

- Adoption Incentives Program;

⁴ 77 FR 896 (January 6, 2012)

- Child Welfare Outcomes Report;
- Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs);
- Title IV-E Eligibility Reviews; and
- Allotment of funds in the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP).

B. Overview of the Technical Bulletin

The Children's Bureau is committed to providing assistance to title IV-E agencies to support the collection of quality adoption and foster care data. To this end, there are three key utilities that a title IV-E agency can run on its AFCARS data: (1) the Data Quality Utility (DQU), (2) the Data Compliance Utility (DCU), and (3) the frequency report utility. All three utilities are available for download on the Children's Bureau's web page, and the Children's Bureau encourages title IV-E agencies to use these utilities prior to submitting data to the Children's Bureau. In order to optimize the usefulness of these utilities, title IV-E agencies should incorporate them as a routine task in quality control of the AFCARS data and assess the data on a regular basis, such as quarterly.

The focus of this Technical Bulletin is on how the DQU works. Note that a discussion of the reports created by the DQU and how to interpret them is covered in Technical Bulletin #5a: AFCARS Data Quality. The Children's Bureau also runs an internal version of the utility that removes or "cleans" certain data determined to be incorrect from a title IV-E agency's file prior to loading it into the Federal AFCARS database (the original raw data file submitted by the title IV-E agency is archived). The Children's Bureau does not distribute the results of this internal data quality check directly to title IV-E agencies. However, the title IV-E agency's version of the utility does indicate which elements *would* be removed if the title IV-E agency file were to be submitted to the Federal AFCARS.

Note: The DQU will only work on a properly formatted AFCARS file. For instructions on the formatting specification, please refer to AFCARS Technical Bulletin #9, AFCARS File Format.

II. Data Element Standards - Foster Care

The DQU checks each element to ensure that it meets certain minimum standards. These standards are based on Children's Bureau policy. The standards used by the DQU are somewhat stricter than those used by the Title IV-E Agency AFCARS Data Compliance Utility.

Table 1, below, indicates the standards by which the DQU measures each of the 66 foster care data elements including the expanded six character race elements. There are five columns in the table:

Data Element - The element number and name.

Element Type/Size - The type of element with the size (i.e., number of characters) in parentheses. Each element has one of three types.

Code: In a code element, the data correspond to one of the codes in the "allowable values" column.

Date: In a date element the data must always be formatted with the 2-digit century first and the 2-digit year second. The 2-digit month follows if the element requires it. The 2-digit day follows the month if it is also required. The format for the date element appears after the size in the format column (e.g., CCYYMMDD).

Uncoded: In an uncoded element, the data is treated as a count or an amount. The data must be right-justified and padded with zeros (e.g., a count of 1 in the element #19, "Total Number of Removals" should be entered as 01).

Missing Data Standard - Indicates whether or not nulls are permitted in this field. If nulls are permitted, this element will never be marked as missing by the DQU.

Allowable Values - For all elements (except element #4, record number) only numeric characters are allowed unless the data is filled with blanks.

For code elements the specific values that are allowed and their corresponding meaning are given. For uncoded and date elements, the allowable range is given. All dates must also be valid dates (e.g., the month must be between 01 - 12 and the day must not exceed the number of days in the month).

Also, all uncoded elements must be right-justified and padded with zeros. Each of the four components of the date element (the century, the year, the month, and the day) must also be right-justified and padded with zeros (e.g., the date March 3, 1901 should appear this way: 19010301). If the element contains a value that is not included in this column, the element will be marked as out of range by the DQU.

Inconsistency Check Group Involvement - The group number of every consistency check in which the element is involved. For more information on the consistency check groups, see section IV.

Table 1. Data Element Standards – Foster Care

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| #1 Title IV-E Agency | Code (2) | no nulls | see list of allowable agency codes (Appendix B) | none |
| #2 Report Period End Date | Date (6: CCYYMM) | no nulls | CCYY ≥ 1995 MM = 03 or 09 | group #1 |
| #3 Local FIPS Code | Code (5) | no nulls | see list of | none |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | | allowable local agency codes (Appendix B) | |
| #4 Record Number | Encrypted or Sequential Number (12) | nulls permitted | any ASCII characters allowed except @, #, \$, or % | none |
| #5 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #6 |
| #6 Child's Birth Date | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |
| #7 Child's Sex | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = male 2 = female | none |
| #8a Child's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #8b Child's Race - Asian | Code(1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #8c Child's Race - Black or African American | Code(1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #8d Child's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code(1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #8e Child's Race - White | Code(1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #8f Child's Race - Unable to Determine | Code(1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #9 Child's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | none |
| #10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = not yet determined | group #2 |
| #11 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Mental Retardation | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 |
| #12 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Visually/ Hearing Impaired | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 |
| #13 Child Has Been Diagnosed as | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| Physically Disabled | | | | |
| #14 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Emotionally Disturbed | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 |
| #15 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Other Medical Condition | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 |
| #16 Has Child Been Adopted Prior to the Current Episode | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | group #3 |
| #17 Child's Age at Adoption Prior to the Current Episode | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = unable to determine | group #3 |
| #18 Date of First Removal from Home | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #4 |
| #19 Total Number of Removals from Home | Uncoded (2) | no nulls | >00 right-justified | group #4 |
| #20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #4 |
| #21 Date of Latest Removal from Home | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #4 group #5 group #6 group #10 |
| #22 Transaction Date of Latest Removal from Home | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |
| #23 Date of Placement | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #5 |
| #24 Number of Placements in Current Episode | Uncoded (2) | no nulls | >00 right-justified | group #5 |
| #25 Manner of Removal | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = voluntary 2 = court ordered 3 = not yet determined | group #6 |
| #26 Condition Associated with | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Removal - Physical Abuse (alleged/reported) | | | | |
| #27 Condition Associated with Removal - Sexual Abuse (alleged/reported) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #28 Condition Associated with Removal - Neglect (alleged/reported) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #29 Condition Associated with Removal - Parent Alcohol Abuse | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #30 Condition Associated with Removal - Parent Drug Abuse | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #31 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Alcohol Abuse | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #32 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Drug Abuse | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #33 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Disability | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #34 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Behavior Problem | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #35 Condition Associated with Removal - Death of Parent | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #36 Condition Associated with Removal - Incarceration of Parent | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #37 Condition Associated with Removal - Caretaker Inability to Cope | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #38 Condition Associated with | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Removal - Abandonment | | | | |
| #39 Condition Associated with Removal – Relinquishment | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #40 Condition Associated with Removal - Inadequate Housing | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #41 Current Placement Setting | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = pre-adoptive home 2 = foster family home (relative) 3 = foster family home (non-relative) 4 = group home 5 = institution 6 = supervised independent living 7 = runaway 8 = trial home visit | group #9 |
| #42 Is Placement Out-of-State/Tribal Service Area? | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | none |
| #43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = reunify with parent(s) or principal caretaker(s) 2 = live with other relative(s) 3 = adoption 4 = long term foster care 5 = emancipation 6 = guardianship 7 = not yet established | group #6 group #10 |
| #44 Primary Caretaker Family Structure | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine | group #8 |
| #45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 group #8 |
| #46 2nd Primary | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls | ≥ 1900 | group #1 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Caretaker's Birth Year | | permitted | < system year | group #8 |
| #47 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #10 |
| #48 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #10 |
| #49 Foster Family Structure | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male | group #9 |
| #50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 group #9 |
| #51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 group #9 |
| #52a 1st Foster Caretaker's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #52b 1st Foster Caretaker's Race – Asian | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #52c 1st Foster Caretaker's Race - Black or African American | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #52d 1st Foster Caretaker's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #52e 1st Foster Caretaker's Race – White | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #52f 1st Foster Caretaker's Race - Unable to Determine | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #53 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | group #9 |
| #54a 2nd Foster | Code (1) | nulls | 0 = does not apply | group #9 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Caretaker's Race | | permitted | 1 = applies | group #13 |
| #54b 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race – Asian | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #54c 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Black or African American | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #54d 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #54e 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race - White | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #54f 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Unable to Determine | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #9 group #13 |
| #55 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | group #9 |
| #56 Date of Discharge | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #6 group #13 |
| #57 Transaction Date of Discharge | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 group #13 |
| #58 Reason for Discharge | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = reunification with parent(s) or principal caretaker(s) 2 = living with other relative(s) 3 = adoption 4 = emancipation 5 = guardianship 6 = transfer to another agency 7 = runaway 8 = death of child | group #10 group #11 |
| #59 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-E (Foster Care) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #60 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-E (Adoption) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Assistance) | | | | |
| #61 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-A (AFDC) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #62 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-D (Child Support) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #63 Sources of Federal Support - title XIX (Medicaid Eligible) | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #64 Sources of Federal Support - SSI and Other Social Security Act | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #65 Sources of Federal Support - None of the Above | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #12 |
| #66 Amount of Monthly Subsidy (All Sources) | Uncoded (5) | no nulls | right-justified | group #12 |

III. Cross-File Checks – Foster Care

In addition to checking data at the record level, the DQU also looks at each data element and race category across the entire file to see trends in reported data. Trends that are suspect are identified in the Cross-File Errors section of the DQU Summary Report.

A cross-file check is done by taking the number of records having valid data in which the data in an element meet a certain condition and dividing that number by the total number of records having valid data for that element. Any record that does not contain valid data for the element will be excluded from the check. If the resulting percentage does not meet a standard for the check, the check fails. Note: In most cases, the standard is < 100%, which means that the given condition cannot exist in every record that has valid data for the element.

In addition, if *no* valid data is available for an element in any record in the file (i.e., the denominator equals zero), an error message to that effect will appear in the Cross-File Errors section of the summary report.

Table 2, below, describes the cross file checks that are done for each element. There are five columns in the table:

Data Element - The element number and name.

Exclusion Rules - The conditions or values which are considered to be invalid data for purposes of the cross file checks done on this element. If the data in the element meet the exclusion rules it will not be counted as part of either the numerator or the denominator for this check.

Numerator - The number of records that have not been excluded (according to the exclusion rules) that meet the given condition.

Denominator - The total number of records that are being included in the cross-file check.

Standard - The percentage of records that must meet the condition given in the numerator column for the check to pass. If the numerator divided by the denominator does not meet the standard, the cross-file check fails (e.g., if the numerator = 2 and the denominator = 10 and the standard is < 10%, the check would fail).

Table 2. Cross-File Checks – Foster Care

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|--|---|---|------------------|
| #1 Title IV-E agency | <i>no cross file checks on this element</i> | | | |
| #2 Report Period End Date | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number records where element #2 = element #2 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | 100% |
| #3 Local FIPS Code | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #3 = element #3 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #4 Record Number | none | number of records where all characters in element #4 are blank | all records | if numerator ≥ 2 |
| #5 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #5 = element #5 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #6 Child's Birth Date | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where year component of element #6 = year component of element #6 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------|
| #7 Child's Sex | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7 = element #7 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8 Child's Race | data for #8a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where elements #8a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8a Child's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8a = element #8a from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8b Child's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8b = #8b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8c Child's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8c = #8c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8d Child's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8d = #8d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8e Child's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8e = #8e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #8f Child's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8 = "1" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| #9 Child's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #9 = "1" (yes) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #9 = "3" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|---|--|---|---|----------|
| | | (unable to determine) | | |
| #10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #10 = element #10 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #11 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Mental Retardation | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #11 = element #11 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #12 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Visually/Hearing Impaired | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #12 = element #12 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #13 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Physically Disabled | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #13 = element #13 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #14 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Emotionally Disturbed | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #14 = element #14 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #15 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Other Medical Condition | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #15 = element #15 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #16 Has Child Been Adopted Prior to the Current Episode | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #16 = element #16 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #16 = "1" (yes) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #16 = "3" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| #17 Child's Age at | data is blank, out | number of | all records not | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Adoption Prior to the Current Episode | of range, inconsistent, or "0" (not applicable) | records where element #17 = element #17 from first record | meeting exclusion rules | |
| | | number of records where element #17 = "5" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| #18 Date of First Removal from Home | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #18 = <i>year</i> component of element #18 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #19 Total Number of Removals from Home | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #19 = element #19 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #19 \geq 10 | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #20 = <i>year</i> component of element #20 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #21 Date of Latest Removal from Home | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #21 = <i>year</i> component of element #21 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #22 Transaction Date of Latest Removal from Home | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #22 = <i>year</i> component of element #22 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #23 Date of Placement | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|---|--|---|---|----------|
| | | of element #23 = year component of element #23 from first record | | |
| #24 Number of Placements in Current Episode | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #24 = element #24 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #24 ≥ 10 | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25 Manner of Removal | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25 = "1" (voluntary) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #25 = "3" (not yet determined) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #26 Condition Associated with Removal - Physical Abuse (alleged/reported) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #26 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27 Condition Associated with Removal - Sexual Abuse (alleged/reported) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #28 Condition Associated with Removal - Neglect (alleged/reported) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #28 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #29 Condition Associated with Removal - Parent Alcohol Abuse | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #29 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #30 Condition Associated with Removal - Parent Drug Abuse | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #30 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #31 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Alcohol Abuse | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #31 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------|
| #32 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Drug Abuse | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #32 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #33 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Disability | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #33 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #34 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Behavior Problem | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #34 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #35 Condition Associated with Removal - Death of Parent | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #35 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #36 Condition Associated with Removal - Incarceration of Parent | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #36 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #37 Condition Associated with Removal - Caretaker Inability to Cope | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #37 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #38 Condition Associated with Removal - Abandonment | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #38 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #39 Condition Associated with Removal - Relinquishment | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #39 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #40 Condition Associated with Removal - Inadequate Housing | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #40 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #41 Current Placement Setting | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #41 = element #41 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #42 Is Placement Out-of-State/Tribal Service Area? | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #42 = "1" (yes) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #43 Most Recent Case | data is blank, out | number of | all records not | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|---|--|---|---|----------|
| Plan Goal | of range, or inconsistent | records where element #43 = element #43 from the first record | meeting exclusion rules | |
| #44 Primary Caretaker Family Structure | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #43 = element #43 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #44 = "5" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #45 = element #45 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #45 = #46 | all records where both elements #45 and #46 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #45 = element #45 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #46 = #45 | all records where both elements #45 and #46 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #47 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where year component of element #47 = year component of element #47 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #47 = #48 | all records where both elements #47 and #48 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #48 Date of | data is blank, out | number of | all records not | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Termination of Father's Parental Rights | of range, or inconsistent | records where year component of element #48 = year component of element #48 from the first record | meeting exclusion rules | |
| | | number of records where #48 = #47 | all records where both elements #47 and #48 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #49 Foster Family Structure | data is blank, out of range, inconsistent "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #49 = element #49 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #50 = element #50 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #51 = element #51 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race | data for #52a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where elements #52a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52a 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52a = element #52a from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52b 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52b = element #52b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52c 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52c = element #52c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|---|---|---|----------|
| #52d 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52d = element #52d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52e 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52e = element #52e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #52f 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #52f = "1" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #53 = element #53 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #53 = "3" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race | data for #54a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where elements #52a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #54a 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54a = element #54a from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #54b 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54b = element #54b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #54c 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54c = element #54c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|--|---|---|----------|
| #54d 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54d = element #54d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #54e 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54e = element #54e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #54f 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #54f = "1" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #55 = element #55 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #55 = "3" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #56 Date of Discharge | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #56 = element #56 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #57 Transaction Date of Discharge | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #57 = element #57 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #58 Reason for Discharge | data is blank, out of range, or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #58 = element #58 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #59 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-E (Foster Care) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #59 = "0" (does not apply) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #60 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-E (Adoption Assistance) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #60 = element #60 from | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|--|---|---|----------|
| | | first record | | |
| #61 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-A (AFDC) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #61 = element #61 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #62 Sources of Federal Support - title IV-D (Child Support) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #62 = element #62 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #63 Sources of Federal Support - title XIX (Medicaid Eligible) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #63 = "0" (does not apply) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #64 Sources of Federal Support - SSI and Other Social Security Act | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #64 = element #64 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #65 Sources of Federal Support - None of the Above | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #65 = "1" (applies) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #66 Amount of Monthly Subsidy (All Sources) | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #66 = element #66 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

IV. Consistency Check Groups – Foster Care

Consistency checks are done by evaluating the data in a group of related elements, or in the case of race elements, among the race categories of a given race element. If there is an inconsistency among them, it determines which element is the most likely cause of the inconsistency. In general, the one element that could be changed to make the relationship among the elements in the group consistent is determined to be the most likely error. However, this rule has several exceptions based on experience and input from several sources.

Each of the consistency check groups are given below with the principle of the check, the conditions under which the check is not done, and a table of the possible relationships between the elements and which element(s), if any, will be marked as errors. If the element in this last column appears in bold-italics with asterisks around it (e.g., **** #19 ****), this means that the data in the element would be deleted from that record by the Federal system if the file were to be submitted to AFCARS.

Note: if the "Element(s) to be marked" column says need more information, the DQU checks to see if any of the elements in the group have already been marked as the most likely error in an earlier check. If this is the case, it is assumed that the element is the likely error for the current check and no further action is taken. However, if none of the elements have failed an earlier check, the DQU cannot determine the most likely error and *all* elements in the group will be marked.

It is also important to note that while the DQU may continue to use the data in an element even if it has already been marked as incorrect, the DQU never overwrites one error with another. For example, if an element is marked as out of range it may still be used in certain consistency checks. However, if it is determined to be the most likely cause of the inconsistency, it will remain marked as out of range. The same would hold true for an element that is involved in more than one consistency check group. An element identified as the most likely cause of more than one inconsistency will always be marked as the most likely error in the first group it failed.

The table below is an index listing each group number, the description and the page number.

Table of Foster Care Group Checks

| Group Check Number | Description | Page Number |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 01 | Checks the logical order among related date Elements. | 23 |
| 02 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on child's disabilities. | 44 |
| 03 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on child's adoption history. | 46 |
| 04 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on child's removal and discharge from home. | 47 |
| 05 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on child's latest removal date, date of placement in current setting and number of placements. | 50 |
| 06 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on manner of removal and case plan goal with dates of latest removal, most recent periodic review and discharge. | 51 |
| 07 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on condition associated with removal. | 57 |
| 08 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on caretaker's family structure and 1 st & 2 nd principal caretakers. | 58 |
| 09 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements | 59 |

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|----|--|----|
| | reporting information on current placement setting, caretaker family structure and 1 st & 2 nd foster caretakers. | |
| 10 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on dates of termination of mother's/father's parental rights, reason of discharge and most recent case plan goal. | 67 |
| 11 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on dates of discharge, transaction date and reason of discharge. | 69 |
| 12 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on sources of Federal support and monthly amount. | 70 |
| 13 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting race information for the child and foster caretakers. | 72 |

Foster Care Group #1 (marked as "a" or "A" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #02 Report Period End Date
- #05 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review
- #06 Child's Birth Date
- #18 Date of First Removal from Home
- #20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode
- #21 Date of Latest Removal from Home
- #22 Transaction Date of Latest Removal from Home
- #23 Date of Placement in Current Setting
- #45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year
- #46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year
- #47 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights
- #48 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights
- #50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year
- #51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year
- #56 Date of Discharge
- #57 Transaction Date of Discharge

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

Consistency checks between two date elements are not performed if either element is blank or out of range.

Principle of Check:

All dates should be logically ordered. For example, the discharge date must come after the latest removal date. Also, the length of time between dates should be within a reasonable range. For example, the child's birth year should not be more than 21 years before his or her latest removal date. This check identifies the

date(s) that appear to be "out of place."

Special Notes:

Group #1 is performed differently than the other groups. In order to determine which element(s) is out of place, the DQU compares every pair of date elements (there are sixteen foster care date elements, thus there are 120 pairs of elements checked). If a pair of elements is inconsistent according to a given standard, it is difficult to tell which one is wrong. To address this problem, the DQU maintains two tables. One table maintains information on which check failed (i.e., pairs of date elements were inconsistent); the other table maintains information on the number of times each date element was involved in a check that failed.

After all pairs of date elements have been evaluated, the DQU looks at the table that maintains the information on which checks failed. If a check failed between two elements, the DQU looks at the other table to see which of the two elements had the most errors. The one with the most errors is marked with an "a." If both elements had an equivalent number of errors, both of them are marked with an "a."

The tables below indicate every pair of date elements and the relationship that is checked for them. If a relationship exists and the Error Status column says "Error," then the table that maintains the information on which checks failed will be updated for that pair of elements and the table that maintains the number of errors for each element will be increased by one for each element in the "Involved Elements" column.

Table 3. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.2

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|----------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Report End Date (#2), Review Date (#5) | 1.2.5.1 | #2 - #5 < 9 mos (275 days) | No Error |
| | 1.2.5.2 | #2 - #5 ≥ 9 mos (275 days) | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Birth Date (#6) | 1.2.6.1 | #2 - #6 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.6.2 | #2 - #6 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), First Removal (#18) | 1.2.18.1 | #2 - #18 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.18.2 | #2 - #18 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Previous Discharge (#20) | 1.2.20.1 | #2 - #20 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.20.2 | #2 - #20 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Latest Removal (#21) | 1.2.21.1 | #2 - #21 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.21.2 | #2 - #21 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), | 1.2.22.1 | #2 - #22 < 22 yrs | No Error |

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22) | | | |
| | 1.2.22.2 | #2 - #22 \geq 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Placement Date (#23) | 1.2.23.1 | #2 - #23 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.23.2 | #2 - #23 \geq 22 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45) | 1.2.45.1 | 10 yrs \leq #2 - #45 \leq 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.45.2 | #2 - #45 > 96 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.45.3 | #2 - #45 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46) | 1.2.46.1 | 10 yrs \leq #2 - #46 \leq 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.46.2 | #2 - #46 > 96 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.46.3 | #2 - #46 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.2.47.1 | #2 - #47 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.47.2 | #2 - #47 \geq 18 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.2.48.1 | #2 - #48 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.48.2 | #2 - #48 \geq 18 yrs | Error |
| Report Date (#2), 1st Foster Caretaker Birth Yr (#50) | 1.2.50.1 | 18 yrs \leq #2 - #50 \leq 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.50.2 | #2 - #50 < 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.50.3 | #2 - #51 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Report Date (#2), 2nd Foster Caretaker Birth Yr (#51) | 1.2.51.1 | 18 yrs \leq #2 - #51 \leq 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.51.2 | #2 - #51 < 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.51.3 | #2 - #51 > 96 yrs | Error |

Table 4. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.5

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|----------|--|--------------|
| Review Date (#5), Birth Date (#6) | 1.5.6.1 | $0 \leq \#5 - \#6 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.6.2 | $\#5 < \#6$ | Error |
| | 1.5.6.3 | $\#5 - \#6 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), First Removal (#18) | 1.5.18.1 | $0 \leq \#5 - \#18 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.18.2 | $\#5 < \#18$ | Error |
| | 1.5.18.3 | $\#5 - \#18 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Previous Discharge (#20) | 1.5.20.1 | $0 \leq \#5 - \#20 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.20.2 | $\#5 < \#20$ | Error |
| | 1.5.20.3 | $\#5 - \#20 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Latest Removal (#21) | 1.5.21.1 | $0 \leq \#5 - \#21 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.21.2 | $\#5 < \#21$ | Error |
| | 1.5.21.3 | $\#5 - \#21 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Removal Transaction (#22) | 1.5.22.1 | $\#5 - \#22 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.22.2 | $\#5 - \#22 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Placement (#23) | 1.5.23.1 | $\#5 - \#23 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.23.2 | $\#5 - \#23 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), 1st Caretaker's Birth Date (#45) | 1.5.45.1 | $\#5 - \#45 > 10 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.45.2 | $\#5 - \#45 \leq 10 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), 2nd Caretaker's Birth Date (#46) | 1.5.46.1 | $\#5 - \#46 > 10 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.46.2 | $\#5 - \#46 \leq 10 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.5.47.1 | $-9 \text{ mos} < \#5 - \#47 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.47.2 | $\#47 - \#5 \geq 9 \text{ mos (275 days)}$ | Error |
| | 1.5.47.3 | $\#5 - \#47 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.5.48.1 | $-9 \text{ mos} < \#5 - \#48 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.48.2 | $\#48 - \#5 \geq 9 \text{ mos}$ | Error |
| | 1.5.48.3 | $\#5 - \#48 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Review Date (#5), 1st Foster Caretaker Birth Yr (#50) | 1.5.50.1 | $\#5 > \#50$ | No Error |
| | 1.5.50.2 | $\#5 \leq \#50$ | Error |

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|----------|----------------------|--------------|
| Review Date (#5), 2nd Foster Caretaker Birth Yr (#51) | 1.5.51.1 | #5 > #51 | No Error |
| | 1.5.51.2 | #5 ≤ #51 | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.5.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #5 < 9 mos | No Error |
| | 1.5.56.2 | #5 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.5.56.3 | #56 - #5 ≥ 9 mos | Error |
| Review Date (#5), Transaction Discharge Date (#57) | 1.5.57.1 | #5 ≤ #57 | No Error |
| | 1.5.57.2 | #5 > #57 | Error |

Table 5. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.6

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|----------|--|--------------|
| Birth Date (#6), First Removal (#18) | 1.6.18.1 | $0 \leq \#18 - \#6 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.18.2 | $\#6 > \#18$ | Error |
| | 1.6.18.3 | $\#18 - \#6 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Previous Discharge (#20) | 1.6.20.1 | $0 \leq \#20 - \#6 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.20.2 | $\#6 > \#20$ | Error |
| | 1.6.20.3 | $\#20 - \#6 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Latest Removal (#21) | 1.6.21.1 | $0 \leq \#21 - \#6 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.21.2 | $\#6 > \#21$ | Error |
| | 1.6.21.3 | $\#21 - \#6 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Latest Removal Transaction (#22) | 1.6.22.1 | $0 \leq \#22 - \#6 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.22.2 | $\#6 > \#22$ | Error |
| | 1.6.22.3 | $\#22 - \#6 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Placement (#23) | 1.6.23.1 | $0 \leq \#23 - \#6 < 22$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.23.2 | $\#6 > \#23$ | Error |
| | 1.6.23.3 | $\#23 - \#6 \geq 22$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45) | 1.6.45.1 | $10 \text{ yrs} \leq \#6 - \#45 \leq 96$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.45.2 | $\#6 - \#45 < 10$ yrs | Error |
| | 1.6.45.3 | $\#6 - \#45 > 96$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46) | 1.6.46.1 | $10 \text{ yrs} \leq \#6 - \#46 \leq 96$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.46.2 | $\#6 - \#46 < 10$ yrs | Error |
| | 1.6.46.3 | $\#6 - \#46 > 96$ yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.6.47.1 | $\#6 \leq \#47$ | No Error |
| | 1.6.47.2 | $\#6 > \#47$ | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.6.48.1 | $\#6 \leq \#48$ | No Error |
| | 1.6.48.2 | $\#6 > \#48$ | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), | 1.6.50.1 | $\#6 - \#50 \geq 1$ yr | No Error |

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | | | |
| | 1.6.50.2 | #6 - #50 < 1 yr | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.6.51.1 | #6 - #51 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.6.51.2 | #6 - #51 < 1 yr | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.6.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #6 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.56.2 | #6 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.6.56.3 | #56 - #6 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#6), Discharge Transaction (#57) | 1.6.57.1 | 0 ≤ #57 - #6 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.6.57.2 | #6 > #57 | Error |
| | 1.6.57.3 | #57 - #6 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |

Table 6. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.18

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| First Removal (#18), Previous Discharge (#20) | 1.18.20.1 | $0 \leq \#20 - \#18 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.20.2 | $\#18 > \#20$ | Error |
| | 1.18.20.3 | $\#20 - \#18 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Latest Removal (#21) | 1.18.21.1 | $0 \leq \#21 - \#18 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.21.2 | $\#18 > \#21$ | Error |
| | 1.18.21.3 | $\#21 - \#18 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Latest Removal Transaction (#22) | 1.18.22.1 | $0 \leq \#22 - \#18 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.22.2 | $\#18 > \#22$ | Error |
| | 1.18.22.3 | $\#22 - \#18 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Placement (#23) | 1.18.23.1 | $0 \leq \#23 - \#18 < 22$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.23.2 | $\#18 > \#23$ | Error |
| | 1.18.23.3 | $\#23 - \#18 \geq 22$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), 1st Caretaker's Birth (#45) | 1.18.45.1 | $\#18 - \#45 > 10$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.45.2 | $\#18 - \#45 \leq 10$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), 2nd Caretaker's Birth (#46) | 1.18.46.1 | $\#18 - \#46 > 10$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.46.2 | $\#18 - \#46 \leq 10$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.18.47.1 | -18 yrs $< \#18 - \#47 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.47.2 | $\#47 - \#18 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| | 1.18.47.3 | $\#18 - \#47 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.18.48.1 | -18 yrs $< \#18 - \#48 < 18$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.48.2 | $\#48 - \#18 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| | 1.18.48.3 | $\#18 - \#48 \geq 18$ yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.18.50.1 | $\#18 - \#50 \geq 1$ yr | No Error |
| | 1.18.50.2 | $\#18 - \#50 < 1$ yr | Error |
| First Removal (#18), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.18.51.1 | $\#18 - \#51 \geq 1$ yr | No Error |

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | 1.18.51.2 | #18 - #51 < 1 yr | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.18.56.1 | $0 \leq \#56 - \#18 < 22$ yrs | No Error |
| | 1.18.56.2 | #18 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.18.56.3 | #56 - #18 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| First Removal (#18), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.18.57.1 | #18 \leq #57 | No Error |
| | 1.18.57.2 | #18 > #57 | Error |

Table 7. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.20

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|--|--------------|
| Previous Discharge (#20), Latest Removal (#21) | 1.20.21.1 | $0 \leq \#21 - \#20 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.21.2 | $\#20 > \#21$ | Error |
| | 1.20.21.3 | $\#21 - \#20 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), Latest Removal Transaction (#22) | 1.20.22.1 | $\#20 \leq \#22$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.22.2 | $\#20 > \#22$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), Placement (#23) | 1.20.23.1 | $0 \leq \#23 - \#20 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.23.2 | $\#20 > \#23$ | Error |
| | 1.20.23.3 | $\#23 - \#20 \geq 22 \text{ years}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), 1st Caretaker's Birth (#45) | 1.20.45.1 | $\#20 - \#45 > 10 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.45.2 | $\#20 - \#45 \leq 10 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), 2nd Caretaker's Birth (#46) | 1.20.46.1 | $\#20 - \#46 > 10 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.46.2 | $\#20 - \#46 \leq 10 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.20.47.1 | $-18 \text{ yrs} < \#20 - \#47 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.47.2 | $\#47 - \#20 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| | 1.20.47.3 | $\#20 - \#47 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.20.48.1 | $-18 \text{ yrs} < \#20 - \#48 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.48.2 | $\#48 - \#20 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| | 1.20.48.3 | $\#20 - \#48 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.20.50.1 | $\#20 - \#50 \geq 1 \text{ yr}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.50.2 | $\#20 - \#50 < 1 \text{ yr}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.20.51.1 | $\#20 - \#51 \geq 1 \text{ yr}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.51.2 | $\#20 - \#51 < 1 \text{ yr}$ | Error |
| Previous Discharge (#20), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.20.56.1 | $0 < \#56 - \#20 < 22 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.56.2 | $\#20 \geq \#56$ | Error |
| | 1.20.56.3 | $\#56 - \#20 \geq 22 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Previous Discharge (#20), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.20.57.1 | #20 < #57 | No Error |
| | 1.20.57.2 | #20 ≥ #57 | Error |

Table 8. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.21

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Latest Removal (#21), Latest Removal Transaction (#22) | 1.21.22.1 | #21 ≤ #22 | No Error |
| | 1.21.22.2 | #21 > #22 | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), Placement (#23) | 1.21.23.1 | 0 ≤ #23 - #21 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.23.2 | #21 > #23 | Error |
| | 1.21.23.3 | #23 - #21 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), 1st Caretaker's Birth (#45) | 1.21.45.1 | #21 - #45 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.45.2 | #21 - #45 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), 2nd Caretaker's Birth (#46) | 1.21.46.1 | #21 - #46 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.46.2 | #21 - #46 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.21.47.1 | -18 yrs < #21 - #47 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.47.2 | #47 - #21 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.21.47.3 | #21 - #47 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.21.48.1 | -18 yrs < #21 - #48 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.48.2 | #48 - #21 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.21.48.3 | #21 - #48 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.21.50.1 | #21 - #50 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.21.50.2 | #21 - #50 < 1 yr | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.21.51.1 | #21 - #51 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.21.51.2 | #21 - #51 < 1 yr | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.21.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #21 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.56.2 | #21 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.21.56.3 | #56 - #21 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal (#21), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.21.57.1 | 0 ≤ #57 - #21 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.57.2 | #21 > #57 | Error |
| | 1.21.57.3 | #57 - #21 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |

Table 9. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.22

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), Placement (#23) | 1.22.23.1 | #23 - #22 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.23.2 | #23 - #22 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), 1st Caretaker's Birth (#45) | 1.22.45.1 | #22 - #45 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.45.2 | #22 - #45 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), 2nd Caretaker's Birth (#46) | 1.22.46.1 | #22 - #46 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.46.2 | #22 - #46 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.22.47.1 | -18 yrs < #22 - #47 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.47.2 | #47 - #22 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.22.47.3 | #22 - #47 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.22.48.1 | -18 yrs < #22 - #48 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.48.2 | #48 - #22 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.22.48.3 | #22 - #48 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.22.50.1 | #22 - #50 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.22.50.2 | #22 - #50 < 1 yr | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.22.51.1 | #22 - #51 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.22.51.2 | #22 - #51 < 1 yr | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.22.56.1 | #56 - #22 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.56.2 | #56 - #22 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Latest Removal Transaction (#22), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.22.57.1 | -22 yrs < #57 - #22 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.22.57.2 | #22 - #57 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| | 1.22.57.3 | #57 - #22 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |

Table 10. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.23

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Placement (#23), 1st Caretaker's Birth (#45) | 1.23.45.1 | #23 - #45 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.45.2 | #23 - #45 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), 2nd Caretaker's Birth (#46) | 1.23.46.1 | #23 - #46 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.46.2 | #23 - #46 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.23.47.1 | -22 yrs < #23 - #47 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.47.2 | #47 - #23 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| | 1.23.47.3 | #23 - #47 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.23.48.1 | -22 yrs < #23 - #48 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.48.2 | #48 - #23 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| | 1.23.48.3 | #23 - #48 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.23.50.1 | 22 yrs ≤ #23 - #50 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.50.2 | #23 - #50 < 22 yrs | Error |
| | 1.23.50.3 | #23 - #50 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.23.51.1 | 22 yrs ≤ #23 - #51 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.51.2 | #23 - #51 < 22 yrs | Error |
| | 1.23.51.3 | #23 - #51 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.23.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #23 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.23.56.2 | #23 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.23.56.3 | #56 - #23 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Placement (#23), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.23.57.1 | #23 ≤ #57 | No Error |
| | 1.23.57.2 | #23 > #57 | Error |

Table 11. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.45

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45), 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46) | 1.45.46.1 | -86 yrs ≤ #45 - #46 ≤ 86 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.45.46.2 | #46 - #45 > 86 yrs | Error |
| | 1.45.46.3 | #45 - #46 > 86 yrs | Error |
| 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.45.47.1 | #47 - #45 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.45.47.2 | #47 - #45 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.45.48.1 | #48 - #45 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.45.48.2 | #48 - #45 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.45.56.1 | #56 - #45 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.45.56.2 | #56 - #45 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 1st Caretaker's Birth Yr (#45), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.45.57.1 | #57 - #45 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.45.57.2 | #57 - #45 < 10 yrs | Error |

Table 12. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.46

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46), Mother's TPR (#47) | 1.46.47.1 | #47 - #46 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.46.47.2 | #47 - #46 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.46.48.1 | #48 - #46 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.46.48.2 | #48 - #46 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.46.56.1 | #56 - #46 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.46.56.2 | #56 - #46 < 10 yrs | Error |
| 2nd Caretaker's Birth Yr (#46), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.46.57.1 | #57 - #46 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.46.57.2 | #57 - #46 < 10 yrs | Error |

Table 13. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.47

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Mother's TPR (#47), Father's TPR (#48) | 1.47.48.1 | -18 yrs ≤ #47 - #48 ≤ 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.47.48.2 | #48 - #47 > 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.47.48.3 | #47 - #48 > 18 yrs | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#47), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.47.50.1 | #47 - #50 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.47.50.2 | #47 - #50 ≤ 1 yr | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#47), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.47.51.1 | #47 - #51 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.47.51.2 | #47 - #51 ≤ 1 yr | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#47), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.47.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #47 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.47.56.2 | #47 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.47.56.3 | #56 - #47 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#47), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.47.57.1 | #47 < #57 | No Error |
| | 1.47.57.2 | #47 ≥ #57 | Error |

Table 14. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.48

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|------------------------|--------------|
| Father's TPR (#48), 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50) | 1.48.50.1 | #48 - #50 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.48.50.2 | #48 - #50 ≤ 1 yr | Error |
| Father's TPR (#48), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.48.51.1 | #48 - #51 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.48.51.2 | #48 - #51 ≤ 1 yr | Error |
| Father's TPR (#48), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.48.56.1 | 0 ≤ #56 - #48 < 22 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.48.56.2 | #48 > #56 | Error |
| | 1.48.56.3 | #56 - #48 ≥ 22 yrs | Error |
| Father's TPR (#48), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.48.57.1 | #48 < #57 | No Error |
| | 1.48.57.2 | #48 ≥ #57 | Error |

Table 15. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.50

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|--|--------------|
| 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50), 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51) | 1.50.51.1 | -78 yrs \leq #50 - #51 \leq 78 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.50.51.2 | #51 - #50 > 78 yrs | Error |
| | 1.50.51.3 | #50 - #51 > 78 yrs | Error |
| 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.50.56.1 | #56 - #50 > 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.50.56.2 | #56 - #50 \leq 18 yrs | Error |
| 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#50), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.50.57.1 | #57 - #50 > 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.50.57.2 | #57 - #50 \leq 18 yrs | Error |

Table 16. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.51

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51), Discharge Date (#56) | 1.51.56.1 | #56 - #51 > 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.51.56.2 | #56 - #51 ≤ 18 yrs | Error |
| 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Yr (#51), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.51.57.1 | #57 - #51 > 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.51.57.2 | #57 - #51 ≤ 18 yrs | Error |

Table 17. Foster Care Consistency Group #1.56

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Discharge Date (#56), Discharge Date Transaction (#57) | 1.56.57.1 | #56 ≤ #57 | No Error |
| | 1.56.57.2 | #56 > #57 | Error |

Foster Care Group #2: (marked as "b" or "B" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #10 Has the Child Been Clinically Diagnosed with a Disability
- #11 Mental Retardation
- #12 Visually/Hearing Impaired
- #13 Physically Disabled
- #14 Emotionally Disturbed
- #15 Other Medically Diagnosed Condition
- #33 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Disability

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if #10 is blank or out of range
- 2)if #11 is out of range
- 3)if #12 is out of range
- 4)if #13 is out of range
- 5)if #14 is out of range
- 6)if #15 is out of range

Principle of Check:

If one of the conditions associated with the removal of the child was that he/she has a medically diagnosed disability, then the answer to the question "Has the child been clinically diagnosed with a disability?" should be "yes" and at least one of the disabilities (#11-15) should be identified. Likewise, if a child is indicated as having a type of disability (such as visual or hearing impairment) the answer to "Has the child been clinically diagnosed with a disability" should be "yes". However, even though a child has been clinically diagnosed with a disability does not mean that it was a condition associated with removal.

Table 18. Foster Care Consistency Group #2

| Condition Code | Condition Associated with Removal - Child Disability (#33) <i>applies, does not apply, invalid</i> | Has Child Been Clinically Diagnosed with a Disability (#10) <i>yes, no, not yet determined</i> | Types of Disability (#11 - 15) <i>none apply, at least one applies</i> | Element(s) to be marked |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| 2.1 | Applies | yes | none apply | #11 - 15 |
| 2.2 | Applies | yes | at least one applies | no error |
| 2.3 | Applies | no | none apply | #33 |
| 2.4 | Applies | no | at least one applies | #10 |
| 2.5 | Applies | not yet determined | none apply | #33 |
| 2.6 | Applies | not yet determined | at least one applies | #10 |
| 2.7 | Does not apply | yes | none apply | #10 |
| 2.8 | Does not apply | yes | at least one applies | no error |
| 2.9 | Does not apply | no | none apply | no error |
| 2.10 | Does not apply | no | at least one applies | #10, #11-15, and #33 |
| 2.11 | Does not apply | not yet determined | none apply | no error |
| 2.12 | Does not apply | not yet determined | at least one applies | #10, #11-15, and #33 |
| 2.13 | Invalid | yes | none apply | #10 |
| 2.14 | Invalid | yes | at least one applies | no error |
| 2.15 | Invalid | no | none apply | no error |
| 2.16 | Invalid | no | at least one applies | #10 |
| 2.17 | Invalid | not yet determined | none apply | no error |
| 2.18 | Invalid | not yet determined | at least one applies | #10 |

Foster Care Group #3: (marked as "c" or "C" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #16 Has the Child Been Previously Adopted
- #17 Age at that Adoption

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if #16 is out of range
- 2)if #17 is out of range

Principle of Check:

If a child is known to have been adopted before, then the child's age at that adoption should be reported. Likewise, if a child's age at a previous adoption is known, the answer to the question "Has the child been previously adopted?" should be "yes".

Table 19. Foster Care Consistency Group #3

| Condition Code | Has Child Ever Been Adopted (#16) <i>yes, no, unable to determine, blank</i> | Age at Adoption (#17) <i>blank, not applicable, some age group, unable to determine</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|----------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| 3.1 | Yes | blank | #17 |
| 3.2 | Yes | not applicable | #16 and #17 |
| 3.3 | Yes | some age group | no error |
| 3.4 | Yes | unable to determine | no error |
| 3.5 | No | blank | no error |
| 3.6 | No | not applicable | no error |
| 3.7 | No | some age group | #16 and #17 |
| 3.8 | No | unable to determine | #16 and #17 |
| 3.9 | Unable to determine | blank | no error |
| 3.10 | Unable to determine | not applicable | no error |
| 3.11 | Unable to determine | some age group | #16 and #17 |
| 3.12 | Unable to determine | unable to determine | no error |
| 3.13 | Blank | blank | #16 |
| 3.14 | Blank | not applicable | #17 |
| 3.15 | Blank | some age group | #16 and #17 |
| 3.16 | Blank | unable to determine | #16 and #17 |

Foster Care Group #4: (marked as "d" or "D" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #18 Date of First Removal from Home
- #19 Total Number of Removals from Home
- #20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode
- #21 Date of Latest Removal from Home

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if #19 is blank or out of range
- 2)if any two of #18, 20, and 21 are blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If a child is in his or her first episode, the first removal date and the latest removal date should be the same and there should be no previous discharge date. If the child is in his or her second or more episode, the first removal date should be equal or prior to the previous discharge date which, in turn, should be equal or prior to the date of latest removal.

Table 20. Foster Care Consistency Group #4

| Condition Code | Total Number of Removals (#19) | Date of First Removal (#18), Date of Latest Removal (#21), Date of Discharge from Previous Episode (#20) | Error(s) to be Marked | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | #19 > 1, #19 = 1 | #18 < #20 < #21, #18 < #20 = #21, #18 > #20 = #21, #18 = #20 = #21, #18 < #21 < #20, #20 < #18 < #21, #20 < #18 = #21, #20 < #21 < #18, #20 > #18 = #21, #21 < #18 < #20, #21 < #18 = #20 | #21 > #18 = #20, #21 < #20 < #18, #18 < #21 (#20 blank/out of range), #18 = #21 (#20 blank/out of range), #18 > #21 (#20 blank/out of range), #18 < #20 (#21 blank/out of range), #18 = #20 (#21 blank/out of range), #18 > #20 (#21 blank/out of range), #20 < #21 (#18 blank/out of range), #20 = #21 (#18 blank/out of range), #20 > #21 (#18 blank/out of range) | |
| 4.1 | #19 > 1 | #18 < #20 < #21 | no error | |
| 4.2 | #19 > 1 | #18 < #20 = #21 | no error | |
| 4.3 | #19 > 1 | #18 > #20 = #21 | #18 | |
| 4.4 | #19 > 1 | #18 = #20 = #21 | #19 | |
| 4.5 | #19 > 1 | #18 < #21 < #20 | #20 | |

| Condition Code | Total Number of Removals (#19) | Date of First Removal (#18), Date of Latest Removal (#21), Date of Discharge from Previous Episode (#20) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 4.6 | #19 > 1 | #20 < #18 < #21 | #20 |
| 4.7 | #19 > 1 | #20 < #18 = #21 | #18 |
| 4.8 | #19 > 1 | #20 < #21 < #18 | #18 |
| 4.9 | #19 > 1 | #20 > #18 = #21 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.10 | #19 > 1 | #21 < #18 < #20 | #21 |
| 4.11 | #19 > 1 | #21 < #18 = #20 | #21 |
| 4.12 | #19 > 1 | #21 > #18 = #20 | no error |
| 4.13 | #19 > 1 | #21 < #20 < #18 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.14 | #19 > 1 | #18 < #21 (#20 blank) | #20 |
| 4.15 | #19 > 1 | #18 = #21 (#20 blank) | ** #19 ** |
| 4.16 | #19 > 1 | #18 > #21 (#20 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.17 | #19 > 1 | #18 < #20 (#21 blank) | #21 |
| 4.18 | #19 > 1 | #18 = #20 (#21 blank) | #21 |
| 4.19 | #19 > 1 | #18 > #20 (#21 blank) | |
| 4.20 | #19 > 1 | #20 < #21 (#18 blank) | #18 |
| 4.21 | #19 > 1 | #20 = #21 (#18 blank) | #18 |
| 4.22 | #19 > 1 | #20 > #21 (#18 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.23 | #19 = 1 | #18 < #20 < #21 | ** #19 ** |
| 4.24 | #19 = 1 | #18 < #20 = #21 | ** #19 ** |
| 4.25 | #19 = 1 | #18 > #20 = #21 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.26 | #19 = 1 | #18 = #20 = #21 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.27 | #19 = 1 | #18 < #21 < #20 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.28 | #19 = 1 | #20 < #18 < #21 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.29 | #19 = 1 | #20 < #18 = #21 | #20 |
| 4.30 | #19 = 1 | #20 < #21 < #18 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.31 | #19 = 1 | #20 > #18 = #21 | ** #20 ** |
| 4.32 | #19 = 1 | #21 < #18 < #20 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.33 | #19 = 1 | #21 < #18 = #20 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.34 | #19 = 1 | #21 > #18 = #20 | #19 |
| 4.35 | #19 = 1 | #21 < #20 < #18 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.36 | #19 = 1 | #18 < #21 (#20 blank) | #18 |
| 4.37 | #19 = 1 | #18 = #21 (#20 blank) | no error |
| 4.38 | #19 = 1 | #18 > #21 (#20 blank) | #18 |
| 4.39 | #19 = 1 | #18 < #20 (#21 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.40 | #19 = 1 | #18 = #20 (#21 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.41 | #19 = 1 | #18 > #20 (#21 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.42 | #19 = 1 | #20 < #21 (#18 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |
| 4.43 | #19 = 1 | #20 = #21 (#18 blank) | <u>need more info</u> |

| Condition Code | Total Number of Removals (#19) | Date of First Removal (#18), Date of Latest Removal (#21), Date of Discharge from Previous Episode (#20) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 4.44 | #19 = 1 | #20 > #21 (#18 blank) | need more info |

Foster Care Group #5: (marked as "e" or "E" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #21 Date of Latest Removal from Home
- #23 Date of Placement in Current Setting
- #24 Total Number of Placements in the Current Episode

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1) if #21 is either blank or out of range
- 2) if #23 is either blank or out of range
- 3) if #24 is either blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If the child is in his or her first placement, the date of placement will most likely be the same as the date of latest removal. If the child is in his or her second or more placement, the date of placement should most likely be after the date of latest removal.

Table 21. Foster Care Consistency Group #5

| Condition Code | Date of Placement (#23), Date of Latest Removal (#21) | Number of Placements (#24) | Error(s) to be marked |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | #23 = #21, #23 < #21, #23 > #21 | #24 > 1, #24 = 1, #24 = 0 | |
| 5.1 | #23 = #21 | #24 > 1 | #24 |
| 5.2 | #23 = #21 | #24 = 1 | no error |
| 5.3 | #23 = #21 | #24 = 0 | #24 |
| 5.4 | #23 < #21 | #24 > 1 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 5.5 | #23 < #21 | #24 = 1 | <u>need more info</u> |
| 5.6 | #23 < #21 | #24 = 0 | #24 |
| 5.7 | #23 > #21 | #24 > 1 | no error |
| 5.8 | #23 > #21 | #24 = 1 | #24 |
| 5.9 | #23 > #21 | #24 = 0 | #24 |

| Condition Code | Latest Removal Date (#21), Valid Discharge Date (#56) or Report Date (#2) <i>valid #56 - #21 > 30 days, 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> <hr/> <i>#2 - #21 > 30 days, #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> | Manner of Removal (#25) <i>voluntary, court ordered, not yet determined/blank/out of range</i> | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>some plan, not yet established/blank/out of range</i> | Periodic Review Date (#5) <i>blank/out of range, within episode, outside episode</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| 6.5 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #43 |
| 6.6 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.7 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.8 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | no error |
| 6.9 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.10 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.11 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #43 |
| 6.12 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.13 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | blank/out of range | #25 |
| 6.14 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #25 |
| 6.15 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #25 and #5 |
| 6.16 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #25 |
| 6.17 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #25 and #43 |
| 6.18 | valid #56 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 and #43 |

| Condition Code | Latest Removal Date (#21), Valid Discharge Date (#56) or Report Date (#2) <i>valid #56 - #21 > 30 days, 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> <hr/> <i>#2 - #21 > 30 days, #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> | Manner of Removal (#25) <i>voluntary, court ordered, not yet determined/ blank/out of range</i> | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>some plan, not yet established/ blank/out of range</i> | Periodic Review Date (#5) <i>blank/out of range, within episode, outside episode</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| | | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #56) | #25 |
| 6.19 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.20 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | no error |
| 6.21 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.22 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.23 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #43 |
| 6.24 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.25 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.26 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | no error |
| 6.27 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.28 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.29 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #43 |
| 6.30 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.31 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | blank/out of range | #25 |
| 6.32 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet | some plan | within episode | #25 |

| Condition Code | Latest Removal Date (#21), Valid Discharge Date (#56) or Report Date (#2) <i>valid #56 - #21 > 30 days, 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> <hr/> <i>#2 - #21 > 30 days, #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> | Manner of Removal (#25) <i>voluntary, court ordered, not yet determined/ blank/out of range</i> | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>some plan, not yet established/ blank/out of range</i> | Periodic Review Date (#5) <i>blank/out of range, within episode, outside episode</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| | 30 days | determined/ blank/out of range | | (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | |
| 6.33 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.34 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.35 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5 ≤ #56) | #25 and #43 |
| 6.36 | 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21 or #5 > #56) | #5 |
| 6.37 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.38 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | no error |
| 6.39 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |
| 6.40 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.41 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | #43 |
| 6.42 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |
| 6.43 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.44 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | no error |
| 6.45 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |
| 6.46 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.47 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet | within episode | #43 |

| Condition Code | Latest Removal Date (#21), Valid Discharge Date (#56) or Report Date (#2) <i>valid #56 - #21 > 30 days, 0 days ≤ valid #56 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> <hr/> <i>#2 - #21 > 30 days, #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days</i> | Manner of Removal (#25) <i>voluntary, court ordered, not yet determined/blank/out of range</i> | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>some plan, not yet established/blank/out of range</i> | Periodic Review Date (#5) <i>blank/out of range, within episode, outside episode</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| | | | established/ blank/out of range | (#21 ≤ #5) | |
| 6.48 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | court ordered | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |
| 6.49 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | blank/out of range | #25 |
| 6.50 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | #25 |
| 6.51 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #25 and #5 |
| 6.52 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #25 |
| 6.53 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | #25 and #43 |
| 6.54 | #2 - #21 > 30 days | not yet determined/ blank/out of range | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 and #25 |
| 6.55 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.56 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | no error |
| 6.57 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | some plan | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |
| 6.58 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.59 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | within episode (#21 ≤ #5) | #43 |
| 6.60 | #2 - #21 ≤ 30 days | voluntary | not yet established/ blank/out of range | outside episode (#5 < #21) | #5 |

Foster Care Group #7: (marked as "g" or "G" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #26 Condition Associated with Removal - Physical Abuse
- #27 Condition Associated with Removal - Sexual Abuse
- #28 Condition Associated with Removal - Neglect
- #29 Condition Associated with Removal - Alcohol Abuse (Parent)
- #30 Condition Associated with Removal - Drug Abuse (Parent)
- #31 Condition Associated with Removal - Alcohol Abuse (Child)
- #32 Condition Associated with Removal - Drug Abuse (Child)
- #33 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Disability
- #34 Condition Associated with Removal - Child Behavior Problem
- #35 Condition Associated with Removal - Death of Parent
- #36 Condition Associated with Removal - Incarceration of Parent
- #37 Condition Associated with Removal - Caretaker Inability to Cope
- #38 Condition Associated with Removal - Abandonment
- #39 Condition Associated with Removal - Relinquishment
- #40 Condition Associated with Removal - Inadequate Housing

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if any of #26 - 40 are missing or out of range

Principle of Check:

At least one of the conditions associated with removal should apply.

Table 23. Foster Care Consistency Group #7

| Condition Code | Conditions Associated with Removal (#26-40) | Error(s) to be marked |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| | <i>at least one applies, none apply</i> | |
| 7.1 | at least one applies | no error |
| 7.2 | none apply | #37 |

Foster Care Group #8: (marked as "h" or "H" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #44 Caretaker Family Structure
- #45 1st Principle Caretaker's Birth Year
- #46 2nd Principle Caretaker's Birth Year

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if element #44 is blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If the caretaker family structure is either "married couple" or "unmarried couple", birth years should be entered for both caretakers. If the caretaker family structure is either "single female" or "single male", only one birth year should be entered. If the caretaker family structure is "unable to determine" there should most likely be no birth years entered.

Table 24. Foster Care Consistency Group #8

| Condition Code | Caretaker Family Structure (#44) <i>couple, single, unable to determine</i> | 1st Caretaker Birth Year (#45) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | 2nd Caretaker Birth Year (#46) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| 8.1 | couple | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #45 and #46 |
| 8.2 | couple | blank/out of range | valid | #45 |
| 8.3 | couple | valid | blank/out of range | #46 |
| 8.4 | couple | valid | valid | no error |
| 8.5 | single | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #45 |
| 8.6 | single | blank/out of range | valid | no error |
| 8.7 | single | valid | blank/out of range | no error |
| 8.8 | single | valid | valid | #44 |
| 8.9 | unable to determine | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 8.10 | unable to determine | blank/out of range | valid | #44 |
| 8.11 | unable to determine | valid | blank/out of range | #44 |
| 8.12 | unable to determine | valid | valid | #44 |

Foster Care Group #9: (marked as "i" or "l" in the Detailed Data Quality report)**Elements Involved:**

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| #41 | Current Placement Setting |
| #49 | Foster Caretaker Family Structure |
| #50 | 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year |
| #51 | 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year |
| #52a, b, c, d, e, f | 1st Foster Caretaker's Race |
| #53 | 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin |
| #54a, b, c, d, e, f | 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race |
| #55 | 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin |

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if both #41 and #49 are either blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If the child is in a foster home type setting (pre-adoptive home, relative foster home, or non-relative foster home), there should be a family structure, and the information on the parents should be consistent with that structure (e.g., if the structure is "married couple" then all of the information should be filled out for both foster caretakers). If the child is not in a foster home (group home, institution, or supervised independent living), there should be no family structure and no information filled out for either of the caretakers.

Special Notes:

It is assumed that element #41 is more likely to be valid than the others so it is never marked as incorrect by this check.

If any information on an individual foster caretaker is marked as incorrect, it will all be marked as incorrect (e.g., if only the 1st foster caretaker's race and Hispanic or Latino origin information is completed and it is inconsistent, the 1st foster caretaker's birth year will be marked as incorrect as well as the race and Hispanic or Latino origin).

It is ACF policy that title IV-E agencies should submit data on the foster caretakers from the foster home from which they ran away or went on a trial home visit, if applicable. However, it is possible that a child ran away from or went on a trial home visit from a group home, institution, or supervised independent living setting. Therefore, it is considered to be correct if the placement setting is either runaway or trial home visit and all of the appropriate foster caretaker information (i.e. #49-55) is entered or none of the data is entered. However, if some of the data is entered but it is inconsistent, it will be marked as incorrect.

Table 25. Foster Care Consistency Group #9

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| 9.1 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.2 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.3 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.4 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.5 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.6 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.7 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | none completed | #49 |
| 9.8 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f and 55 |
| 9.9 | Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.10 | Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.11 | Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.12 | Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.13 | Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.14 | Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.15 | Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.16 | Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | none completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| 9.17 | Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.18 | Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.19 | Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.20 | Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.21 | Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.22 | Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.23 | Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.24 | Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.25 | Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.26 | Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.27 | Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.28 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.29 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.30 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | all completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.31 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.32 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.33 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ | some completed | all completed | #49-55 |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| | | out of range | | | |
| 9.34 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.35 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.36 | Non-Foster Home-Type | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.37 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | none completed | #49 |
| 9.38 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.39 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | none completed | all completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.40 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.41 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.42 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | some completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.43 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.44 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.45 | Non-Foster Home-Type | couple | all completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.46 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | none completed | #49 |
| 9.47 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.48 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | none completed | all completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.49 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| 9.50 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.51 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | some completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.52 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.53 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.54 | Non-Foster Home-Type | single | all completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.55 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.56 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.57 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.58 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.59 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.60 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.61 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | none completed | #49 |
| 9.62 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.63 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.64 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | none completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.65 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | none completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.66 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | none completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.67 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | some completed | none | #49-55 |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | completed | |
| 9.68 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.69 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.70 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | all completed | none completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.71 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.72 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | couple | all completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.73 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | none completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.74 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.75 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | none completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.76 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.77 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.78 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.79 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | all completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.80 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.81 | Runaway/Trial Home Visit | single | all completed | all completed | #49 |
| 9.82 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.83 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| 9.84 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | none completed | all completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.85 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.86 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.87 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | some completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.88 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.89 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.90 | Blank | blank/NA/ out of range | all completed | all completed | #49-55 |
| 9.91 | Blank | couple | none completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.92 | Blank | couple | none completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.93 | Blank | couple | none completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.94 | Blank | couple | some completed | none completed | #49-55 |
| 9.95 | Blank | couple | some completed | some completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.96 | Blank | couple | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.97 | Blank | couple | all completed | none completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.98 | Blank | couple | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.99 | Blank | couple | all completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.100 | Blank | single | none completed | none | #49, 50, 52, |

| Condition Code | Current Placement Setting (#41) <i>foster home type non-foster home-type, runaway/trial home visit, blank/out of range</i> | Foster Family Structure (#49) <i>blank/NA/ out of range, couple, single</i> | 1st Foster Caretaker Info (#50, 52-53) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | 2nd Foster Caretaker Info (#51, 54-55) <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | completed | and 53 |
| 9.101 | Blank | single | none completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.102 | Blank | single | none completed | all completed | no error |
| 9.103 | Blank | single | some completed | none completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.104 | Blank | single | some completed | some completed | #49-55 |
| 9.105 | Blank | single | some completed | all completed | #49, 50, 52a-f, and 53 |
| 9.106 | Blank | single | all completed | none completed | no error |
| 9.107 | Blank | single | all completed | some completed | #49, 51, 54a-f, and 55 |
| 9.108 | Blank | single | all completed | all completed | #49 |

Foster Care Group #10: (marked as "j" or "J" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal
- #47 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights
- #48 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights
- #58 Reason for Discharge

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if #43 is blank or out of range
- 2)if #58 is blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If a child is discharged from foster care because he or she has been adopted, there should be dates of termination of parental rights for both the mother and the father, and it is most likely that the most recent case plan goal should be adoption. Likewise, it is unlikely that a child with a case plan goal of adoption would be discharged for some other reason and with neither of his or her parents having their parental rights terminated.

Table 26. Foster Care Consistency Group #10

| Condition Code | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>Adoption, Other Than Adoption</i> | Mother's TPR (#47) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Father's TPR (#48) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Reason for Discharge (#58) <i>Adoption, Other Than Adoption</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| 10.1 | Adoption | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | Adoption | #47 and #48 |
| 10.2 | Adoption | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | Other than Adoption | #43 |
| 10.3 | Adoption | blank/out of range | valid | Adoption | #47 |
| 10.4 | Adoption | blank/out of range | valid | Other than Adoption | <u>need more info</u> |
| 10.5 | Adoption | valid | blank/out of range | Adoption | #48 |
| 10.6 | Adoption | valid | blank/out of range | Other than Adoption | <u>need more info</u> |
| 10.7 | Adoption | valid | valid | Adoption | no error |
| 10.8 | Adoption | valid | valid | Other than Adoption | #58 |
| 10.9 | Other Than Adoption | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | Adoption | #58 |
| 10.10 | Other Than Adoption | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | Other than Adoption | no error |
| 10.11 | Other Than Adoption | blank/out of | valid | Adoption | <u>need more info</u> |

| Condition Code | Case Plan Goal (#43) <i>Adoption, Other Than Adoption</i> | Mother's TPR (#47) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Father's TPR (#48) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Reason for Discharge (#58) <i>Adoption, Other Than Adoption</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| | | range | | | |
| 10.12 | Other Than Adoption | blank/out of range | valid | Other than Adoption | no error |
| 10.13 | Other Than Adoption | valid | blank/out of range | Adoption | <u>need more info</u> |
| 10.14 | Other Than Adoption | valid | blank/out of range | Other than Adoption | no error |
| 10.15 | Other Than Adoption | valid | valid | Adoption | #43 |
| 10.16 | Other Than Adoption | valid | valid | Other than Adoption | no error |

Foster Care Group #11: (marked as "k" or "K" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #56 Date of Discharge
- #57 Transaction Date of Discharge
- #58 Reason for Discharge

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

There are no conditions under which this check is not performed.

Principle of Check:

If a child has been discharged, there should be a date of discharge, a transaction date of discharge, and a reason for discharge.

Table 27. Foster Care Consistency Group #11

| Condition Code | Discharge Date (#56) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Discharge Transaction Date (#57) <i>blank/out of range, valid</i> | Reason for Discharge (#58) <i>blank/out of range, not applicable, valid</i> | |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| 11.1 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 11.2 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | not applicable | no error |
| 11.3 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | valid | #58 |
| 11.4 | blank/out of range | valid | blank/out of range | #57 |
| 11.5 | blank/out of range | valid | not applicable | <u>need more info</u> |
| 11.6 | blank/out of range | valid | valid | #56 |
| 11.7 | valid | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | <u>need more info</u> |
| 11.8 | valid | blank/out of range | not applicable | <u>need more info</u> |
| 11.9 | valid | blank/out of range | valid | #57 |
| 11.10 | valid | valid | blank/out of range | #58 |
| 11.11 | valid | valid | not applicable | ** #58 ** |
| 11.12 | valid | valid | valid | no error |

Foster Care Group #12: (marked as "m" or "M" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #59 Source of Federal Financial Support - Title IV-E (Foster Care)
- #60 Source of Federal Financial Support - Title IV-E (Adoption)
- #61 Source of Federal Financial Support - Title IV-A (AFDC)
- #62 Source of Federal Financial Support - Title IV-D (Child Support)
- #63 Source of Federal Financial Support - Title XIX (Medicaid)
- #64 Source of Federal Financial Support - SSI or Other
- #65 None of the Above
- #66 Monthly Amount

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if any of #59 - 65 are missing
- 2)if any of #59 - 66 are out of range

Principle of Check:

If any of the sources of federal support (#59-64) apply, then "none of the above" (#65) should not apply. If any of the sources of federal support applies (*except for Medicaid, #63, which should be marked as applies if the child is **eligible** for Medicaid funding*), then the monthly amount should be greater than 0.

Table 28. Foster Care Consistency Group #12

| Condition Code | IVE-FC (#59), IVE-Ad (#60), IVA (#61), IVD (#62), SSI (#64) | Medicaid (#63) | None of the Above (#65) | Monthly Amount (#66) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>none apply, ≥1 applies</i> | <i>does not apply, applies</i> | <i>does not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range, 0, >0</i> | |
| 12.1 | none apply | does not apply | does not apply | blank/out of range | #65 |
| 12.2 | none apply | does not apply | does not apply | 0 | #65 |
| 12.3 | none apply | does not apply | does not apply | >0 | #59-66 |
| 12.4 | none apply | does not apply | applies | blank/out of range | no error |
| 12.5 | none apply | does not apply | applies | 0 | no error |
| 12.6 | none apply | does not apply | applies | >0 | no error |
| 12.7 | none apply | applies | does not apply | blank/out of range | no error |
| 12.8 | none apply | applies | does not apply | 0 | no error |
| 12.9 | none apply | applies | does not apply | >0 | no error |
| 12.10 | none apply | applies | applies | blank/out of range | #65 |

| Condition Code | IVE-FC (#59), IVE-Ad (#60), IVA (#61), IVD (#62), SSI (#64) | Medicaid (#63) | None of the Above (#65) | Monthly Amount (#66) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>none apply, ≥1 applies</i> | <i>does not apply, applies</i> | <i>does not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range, 0, >0</i> | |
| 12.11 | none apply | applies | applies | 0 | #65 |
| 12.12 | none apply | applies | applies | >0 | #65 |
| 12.13 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | does not apply | blank/out of range | #66 |
| 12.14 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | does not apply | 0 | #66 |
| 12.15 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | does not apply | >0 | no error |
| 12.16 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | applies | blank/out of range | #59-66 |
| 12.17 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | applies | 0 | #59-66 |
| 12.18 | ≥1 applies | does not apply | applies | >0 | #65 |
| 12.19 | ≥1 applies | applies | does not apply | blank/out of range | #66 |
| 12.20 | ≥1 applies | applies | does not apply | 0 | #66 |
| 12.21 | ≥1 applies | applies | does not apply | >0 | no error |
| 12.22 | ≥1 applies | applies | applies | blank/out of range | #59-66 |
| 12.23 | ≥1 applies | applies | applies | 0 | #59-66 |
| 12.24 | ≥1 applies | applies | applies | >0 | #65 |

Foster Care Group #13: (marked as "n" or "N" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #8a, b, c, d, e, f Child's Race
- #52a, b, c, d, e, f Race of First Foster Caretaker
- #54a, b, c, d, e, f Race of Second Foster Caretaker

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

1) for each element, if 'a'-'f' are all blanks, out of range, or a combination of blank and out-of-range data

Principle of Check:

For each race element (#8, #52, #54), if at least one race category ('a' – 'e') applies, then "unable to determine" ('f') should not apply. For each race element, if "unable to determine" ('f') applies, then no race category should apply.

Table 29. Foster Care Consistency Group #13

| Condition Code | American Indian or Alaska Native (#a), Asian (#b), Black or African American (#c), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (#d), White (#e) <i>none apply, at least one applies</i> | Unable to Determine (#f) <i>blank/out of range, does not apply, applies</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 13.1 | none apply | does not apply | #a-f |
| 13.2 | none apply | applies | no error |
| 13.3 | at least one applies | blank/out of range | no error |
| 13.4 | at least one applies | does not apply | no error |
| 13.5 | at least one applies | applies | #f |

V. Data Element Standards - Adoption

The DQU checks each element to ensure that it meets certain minimum standards. These standards are based on Children's Bureau policy. The standards used by the DQU are somewhat stricter than those used by the Data Compliance Utility.

Table 29, below, indicates the standards by which the DQU measures each of the 37 adoption data elements including the expanded six character race elements. There are five columns in the table:

Data Element - The element number and name.

Element Type/Size - The type of element with the size (i.e., number of characters) in parentheses.

Each element has one of three types.

- Code:** In a code element, the data correspond to one of the codes in the "allowable values" column.
- Date:** In a date element the data must always be formatted with the 2-digit century first and the 2-digit year second. The 2-digit month follows if the element requires it. The 2-digit day follows the month if it is also required. The format for the date element appears after the size in the format column (e.g., CCYYMMDD).
- Uncoded:** In an uncoded element, the data is treated as a count or an amount. The data must be right-justified and padded with zeros (e.g., an amount of 100 in element #26, "Amount of Monthly Subsidy" should be entered as 00100).

Missing Data Standard - Indicates whether or not nulls are permitted in this field. If nulls are permitted, this element will never be marked as missing by the DQU.

Allowable Values - For all elements (except element #3, record number) only numeric characters are allowed unless the data is filled with blanks.

For code elements, the specific values that are allowed and their corresponding meaning are given. For uncoded and date elements, the allowable range is given. All dates must also be valid dates (e.g., the month must be between 01 - 12 and the day must not exceed the number of days in the month).

Also, all uncoded elements must be right-justified and padded with zeros. Each of the four components of the date element (the century, the year, the month, and the day) must also be right-justified and padded with zeros (e.g., the date March 3, 1901 should appear this way: 19010301).

If the element contains a value that is not included in this column, the element will be marked as out of range by the DQU.

Inconsistency Check Group Involvement - The group number of every consistency check in which the element is involved. For more information on the consistency check groups, see section VII.

Table 30. Data Element Standards – Adoption

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| #1 Title IV-E agency | Code (2) | no nulls | see list of agency codes (Appendix B) | none |
| #2 Report Period End Date | Date (6: CCYYMM) | no nulls | CCYY ≥ 1995 MM = 03 or 09 | group #1 |
| #3 Record Number | Encrypted or Sequential Number (12) | nulls permitted | any ASCII characters allowed except @, #, \$, or % | none |
| #4 Title IV-E Agency Involvement | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | group #2 |
| #5 Child's Birth Date | Date (6: CCYYMM) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |
| #6 Child's Sex | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = male 2 = female | none |
| #7a Child's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #7b Child's Race - Asian | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #7c Child's Race - Black or African American | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #7d Child's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #7e Child's Race - White | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| #7f Child's Race - Unable to Determine | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #7 |
| #8 Child's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | none |
| #9 Has Title IV-E agency Determined Child is Special Needs | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | group #3 |
| #10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = 2 = 3 = 4 = | group #3 |
| #11 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Mental Retardation | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #3 |
| #12 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Visually/Hearing Impaired | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #3 |
| #13 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Physically Disabled | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #3 |
| #14 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Emotionally Disturbed | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #3 |
| #15 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Other Medical Condition | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #3 |
| #16 Mother's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 |
| #17 Father's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | valid date ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 |
| #18 Was Mother Married at Time of Child's Birth | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | |
| #19 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |
| #20 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| #21 Date of Adoption Legalization | Date (8: CCYYMMDD) | no nulls | valid date ≥ 1/1/1900 ≤ system date | group #1 |
| #22 Adoptive Family Structure | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male | group #4 |
| #23 Adoptive Mother's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 group #4 |
| #24 Adoptive Father's Birth Year | Date (4: CCYY) | nulls permitted | ≥ 1900 < system year | group #1 group #4 |
| #25a Adoptive Mother's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #25b Adoptive Mother's Race - Asian | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #25c Adoptive Mother's Race - Black or African American | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #25d Adoptive Mother's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #25e Adoptive Mother's Race - White | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #25f Adoptive Mother's Race - Unable to Determine | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | group #4 |
| #27a Adoptive Father's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #27b Adoptive Father's Race - Asian | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #27c Adoptive Father's Race - Black or African American | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| #27d Adoptive Father's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #27e Adoptive Father's Race - White | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #27f Adoptive Father's Race - Unable to Determine | Code (1) | no nulls | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #4 group #7 |
| #28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic or Latino Origin | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = not applicable 1 = yes 2 = no 3 = unable to determine | group #4 |
| #29 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Stepparent | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #5 |
| #30 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Other Relative | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #5 |
| #31 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Foster Parent | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #2 group #5 |
| #32 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Other Non-Relative | Code (1) | nulls permitted | 0 = does not apply 1 = applies | group #5 |
| #33 Child was Placed From | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = within title IV-E agency 2 = another title IV-E agency 3 = another country | none |
| #34 Child Was Placed By | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = public agency 2 = private agency 3 = tribal agency 4 = independent person 5 = birth parent | group #2 |
| #35 Is Child Receiving a Monthly Subsidy? | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | group #2 group #6 |
| #36 Amount of Monthly | Uncoded (5) | no nulls | right-justified | group #6 |

| Data Element | Element Type/Size | Missing Data Standard | Allowable Values | Inconsistency Check Group Involvement |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Subsidy | | | | |
| #37 Is Child Receiving IV-E Adoption Assistance | Code (1) | no nulls | 1 = yes 2 = no | group #6 |

VI. Cross-File Checks - Adoption

In addition to checking data at the record level, the DQU also looks at each data element and race category across the entire file to see trends in reported data. Trends that are suspect are identified in the Cross-File Errors section of the DQU Summary Report.

A cross-file check is done by taking the number of records having valid data in which the data in an element meet a certain condition and dividing that number by the total number of records having valid data for that element. Any record that does not contain valid data for the element will be excluded from the check. If the resulting percentage does not meet a standard for the check, the check fails. **Note: In most cases, the standard is < 100%, which means that the given condition cannot exist in every record that has valid data for the element.**

In addition, if *no* valid data is available for an element in any record in the file (i.e., the denominator equals zero), an error message to that effect will appear in the Cross-File Errors section of the summary report.

Table 31, below, describes the cross-file checks that are done for each element. There are five columns in the table:

Data Element - The element number and name.

Exclusion Rules - The conditions or values which are considered to be invalid data for purposes of the cross file checks done on this element. If the data in the element meet the exclusion rules it will not be counted as part of either the numerator or the denominator for this check.

Numerator - The number of records that have not been excluded (according to the exclusion rules) that meet the given condition.

Denominator - The total number of records that are being included in the cross-file check.

Standard - The percentage of records that must meet the condition given in the numerator column for the check to pass. If the numerator divided by the denominator does not meet the standard, the cross-file check fails (e.g., if the numerator = 2 and the denominator = 10 and the standard is < 10%, the check would fail).

Table 31. Cross File Checks – Adoption

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------|
| #1 Title IV-E agency | <i>no cross file checks on this element</i> | | | |
| #2 Report Period End Date | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #2 = element #2 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | 100% |
| #3 Record Number | none | number of records where all characters in element #3 are blanks | all records | numerator \geq 2 |
| #4 Title IV-E Agency Involvement | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #4 = "2" (no) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #5 Child's Birth Date | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year portion</i> of element #5 = year portion of element #5 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #6 Child's Sex | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #6 = element #6 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7 Child's Race | data for #7a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where element #7a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7a Child's Race - American Indian or Alaska Native | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7a = element #7a from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7b Child's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7b = element #7b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7c Child's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7c = element #7c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7d Child's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7d = element #7d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

| Data Element | Exclusion Rules | Numerator | Denominator | Standard |
|--|---|---|---|----------|
| #7e Child's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7e = element #7e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #7f Child's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #7f = "1" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| #8 Child's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #8 = "1" (yes) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #8 = "3" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 5% |
| #9 Has title IV-E agency Determined Child is Special Needs | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #9 = element #9 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs | data is blank, out of range, inconsistent or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #10 = element #10 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #11 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Mental Retardation | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #11 = element #11 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #12 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Visually/Hearing Impaired | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #12 = element #12 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #13 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Physically Disabled | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #13 = element #13 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #14 Child Has Been Diagnosed as Emotionally Disturbed | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #14 = element #14 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #15 Child Has Been Diagnosed with Other Medical Condition | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #15 = element #15 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #16 Mother's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or | number of records where element #16 = | all records not meeting | < 100% |

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|---|--|---|---|--------|
| | inconsistent | element #16 from first record | exclusion rules | |
| | | number of records where #16 = #17 | all records where both elements #16 and #17 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | data is out of range or inconsistent | number of records where this element is blank | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #17 Father's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #17 = element #17 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #17 = #16 | all records where both elements #17 and #16 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | data is out of range or inconsistent | number of records where this element is blank | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #18 Was Mother Married at Time of Child's Birth | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #18 = element #18 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #18 = "3" (unable to determine) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #19 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #19 = <i>year</i> component of element #19 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #19 = #20 | all records where both elements #19 and #20 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |

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|---|--|---|---|--------|
| #20 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where <i>year</i> component of element #20 = <i>year</i> component of element #20 from the first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #19 = #20 | all records where both elements #19 and #20 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #21 Date of Adoption Legalization | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #21 = element #21 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #22 Adoptive Family Structure | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where #22 = "2" (unmarried couple) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #22 = "3" (single female) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #22 = "2" (single female) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #23 Adoptive Mother's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #23 = element #23 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #23 = #24 | all records where both elements #23 and #24 do not meet their exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #24 Adoptive Father's Birth Year | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #24 = element #24 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where #24 = #23 | all records where both elements #23 | < 100% |

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|---|---|--|---|--------|
| | | | and #24 do not meet their exclusion rules | |
| #25 Adoptive Mother's Race | data for #25a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where element #25a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25a Adoptive Mother's Race | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25a = #25a from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25b Adoptive Mother's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25b = element #25b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25c Adoptive Mother's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25c = element #25c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25d Adoptive Mother's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25d = element #25d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25e Adoptive Mother's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25e = element #25e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #25f Adoptive Mother's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #25f = "1" unable to determine | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, inconsistent or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #26 = #26 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #26 = "3" unable to determine | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #27 Adoptive Father's Race | data for #27a-f are all blank, out of range, inconsistent, or a combination thereof | number of records where element #27a-e have only one race as "applies" | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27a Adoptive Father's Race | data is blank, out of range, or | number of records where element #27a | all records not meeting | < 100% |

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|---|---|---|---|--------|
| | inconsistent | = #27a from first record | exclusion rules | |
| #27b Adoptive Father's Race - Asian | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27b = element #27b from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27c Adoptive Father's Race - Black or African American | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27c = element #27c from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27d Adoptive Father's Race - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27d = element #27d from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27e Child's Race - White | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27e = element #27e from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #27f Adoptive Father's Race - Unable to Determine | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #27f = "1" unable to determine | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic or Latino Origin | data is blank, out of range, inconsistent or "0" (not applicable) | number of records where element #28 = #28 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #28 = "3" unable to determine | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 10% |
| #29 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Stepparent | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #29 = #29 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #30 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Other Relative | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #30 = #30 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #31 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Foster Parent | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #31 = #31 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #32 Was Adoptive Parent Previously Related to Child as Other Non-Relative | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #32 = #32 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #33 Child was Placed | data is blank, out | number of records | all records not | < 100% |

| From | of range, or inconsistent | where element #33 = "3" (another country) | meeting exclusion rules | |
|---|--|--|---|--------|
| #34 Child was Placed By | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #34 = "2" (private agency) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #34 = "3" (tribal agency) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #34 = "4" (independent person) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| | | number of records where element #34 = "5" (birth parent) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #35 Is Child Receiving a Monthly subsidy? | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #35 = "2" (no) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #36 Amount of Monthly Subsidy | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #36 = #36 from first record | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |
| #37 Is Child Receiving IV-E Adoption Assistance | data is blank, out of range, or inconsistent | number of records where element #37 = "2" (no) | all records not meeting exclusion rules | < 100% |

VII. Consistency Check Groups - Adoption

TABLE OF ADOPTION GROUP CHECKS:

| GROUP CHECK NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | PAGE NUMBER |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| 01 | Checks the logical order among related date Elements. | 89 |
| 02 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on title IV-E agency involvement. | 98 |
| 03 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on special needs children. | 100 |
| 04 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on adoptive parents and family structure. | 102 |
| 05 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on child's relationship with adoptive parents. | 104 |
| 06 | Checks the logical relationship among Elements reporting information on payments of subsidy/title-IV-E adoption assistance. | 106 |
| 07 | Checks the logical relationship among data Elements reporting race information for the child and adoptive parents. | 108 |

Consistency checks are done by evaluating the data in a group of related elements, or in the case of race elements, among the race categories of a given race element. If there is an inconsistency among them, it determines which element is the most likely cause of the inconsistency. In general, the one element that could be changed to make the relationship among the elements in the group consistent is determined to be the most likely error. However, this rule has several exceptions based on experience and input from several sources.

Each of the consistency check groups are given below with the principle of the check, the conditions under which the check is not done, and a table of the possible relationships between the elements and which element(s), if any, will be marked as errors. If the element in this last column appears in bold-italics with asterisks around it (e.g., ***** #19 *****), this means that the data in the element would be deleted from that record by the Federal system if the file were to be submitted to AFCARS.

Note: if the "Element(s) to be marked" column says need more information, the DQU checks to see if any of the elements in the group have already been marked as the most likely error in an earlier check. If this is the case, it is assumed that the element is the likely error for the current check and no further action is taken. However, if none of the elements have failed an earlier check, the DQU cannot determine the most likely error and *all* elements in the group will be marked.

It is also important to note that while the DQU may continue to use the data in an element even if it has already been marked as incorrect, the DQU never overwrites one error with another. For example, if an element is marked as out of range it may still be used in certain consistency checks. However, if it is determined to be the most likely cause of the inconsistency, it will remain marked as out of range. The same would hold true for an element that is involved in more than one consistency check group. An element identified as the most likely cause of more than one inconsistency will always be marked as the most likely error in the first group it failed.

Adoption Group #1: (marked as "a" or "A" in the Detailed Data Quality Report)**Elements Involved:**

- #02 Report Period End Date
- #05 Child's Birth Date
- #16 Mother's Birth Year
- #17 Father's Birth Year
- #19 Date of Termination of Mother's Parental Rights
- #20 Date of Termination of Father's Parental Rights
- #21 Date of Adoption Legalization
- #23 Adoptive Mother's Birth Year
- #24 Adoptive Father's Birth Year

Principle of Check:

All dates should be logically ordered. For example, the Legalization Date must come on or after both of the Dates of Termination of Parental Rights. Also, the length of time between dates should be within a reasonable range. For example, the Child's Birth Year should not be more than 18 years before the Legalization Date. This check identifies the date(s) that appear to be "out of place."

Special Notes:

Group #1 is performed differently than the other groups. In order to determine which element(s) is out of place, the DQU compares every pair of date elements (there are nine adoption date elements, thus there are 36 pairs of elements checked). If a pair of elements is inconsistent according to a given standard, it is difficult to tell which one is wrong. To address this problem, the DQU maintains two tables. One table maintains information on which check failed (i.e., pairs of date elements were inconsistent); the other table maintains information on the number of times each date element was involved in a check that failed.

After all pairs of date elements have been evaluated, the DQU looks at the table that maintains the information on which checks failed. If a check failed between two elements, the DQU looks at the other table to see which of the two elements had the most errors. The one with the most errors is marked with an "a." If both elements had an equivalent number of errors, both of them are marked with an "a."

The tables below indicate every pair of date elements and the relationship that is checked for them. If a relationship exists and the Error Status column says "Error," then the table that maintains the information on which checks failed will be updated for that pair of elements and the table that maintains the number of errors for each element will be increased by one for each element in the "Involved Elements" column.

Table 32. Adoption Consistency Group #1.2

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Report End Date (#2), Birth Date (#5) | 1.2.5.1 | #2 - #5 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.5.2 | #2 - #5 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Mother's Birth Yr (#16) | 1.2.16.1 | 10 yrs ≤ #2 - #16 < 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.16.2 | #2 - #16 ≥ 96 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.16.3 | #2 - #16 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Father's Birth Yr (#17) | 1.2.17.1 | 10 yrs ≤ #2 - #17 < 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.17.2 | #2 - #17 ≥ 96 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.17.3 | #2 - #17 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Mother's TPR (#19) | 1.2.19.1 | #2 - #19 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.19.2 | #2 - #19 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Father's TPR (#20) | 1.2.20.1 | #2 - #20 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.20.2 | #2 - #20 > = 18 yrs | Error |
| Report End Date (#2), Legalization (#21) | 1.2.21.1 | #2 - #21 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.21.2 | #2 - #21 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Report Date (#2), Adoptive Mother Birth Yr (#23) | 1.2.23.1 | 18 yrs ≤ #2 - #23 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.23.2 | #2 - #23 < 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.23.3 | #2 - #23 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Report Date (#2), Adoptive Father' Birth Yr (#24) | 1.2.24.1 | 18 yrs ≤ #2 - #24 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.2.24.2 | #2 - #24 < 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.2.24.3 | #2 - #24 > 96 yrs | Error |

Table 33. Adoption Consistency Group #1.5

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Birth Date (#5), Mother's Birth Yr (#16) | 1.5.16.1 | 10 yrs ≤ #5 - #16 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.5.16.2 | #5 - #16 < 10 yrs | Error |
| | 1.5.16.3 | #5 - #16 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Father's Birth Yr (#17) | 1.5.17.1 | 10 yrs ≤ #5 - #17 ≤ 96 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.5.17.2 | #5 - #17 < 10 yrs | Error |
| | 1.5.17.3 | #5 - #17 > 96 yrs | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Mother's TPR (#19) | 1.5.19.1 | #5 ≤ #19 | No Error |
| | 1.5.19.2 | #5 > #19 | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Father's TPR (#20) | 1.5.20.1 | #5 ≤ #20 | No Error |
| | 1.5.20.2 | #5 > #20 | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Legalization Date (#21) | 1.5.21.1 | 0 < #21 - #5 < 18 years | No Error |
| | 1.5.21.2 | #21 - #5 ≤ 0 | Error |
| | 1.5.21.3 | #21 - #5 ≥ 18 years | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Adoptive Mother's Birth Yr (#23) | 1.5.23.1 | #5 - #23 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.5.23.2 | #5 - #23 < 1 yr | Error |
| Birth Date (#5), Adoptive Father's Birth Yr (#24) | 1.5.24.1 | #5 - #24 ≥ 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.5.24.2 | #5 - #24 < 1 yr | Error |

Table 34. Adoption Consistency Group #1.16

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Mother's Birth Yr (#16), Father's Birth Yr (#17) | 1.16.17.1 | -86 yrs ≤ #16 - #17 ≤ 86 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.16.17.2 | #17 - #16 > 86 yrs | Error |
| | 1.16.17.3 | #16 - #17 > 86 yrs | Error |
| Mother's Birth Yr (#16), Mother's TPR (#19) | 1.16.19.1 | #19 - #16 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.16.19.2 | #19 - #16 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Mother's Birth Yr (#16), Father's TPR (#20) | 1.16.20.1 | #20 - #16 ≥ 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.16.20.2 | #20 - #16 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Mother's Birth (#16), Legalization (#21) | 1.16.21.1 | #21 - #16 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.16.21.2 | #21 - #16 ≤ 10 yrs | Error |

Table 35. Adoption Consistency Group #1.17

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Father's Birth Yr (#17), Mother's TPR (#19) | 1.17.19.1 | #19 - #17 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.17.19.2 | #19 - #17 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Father's Birth Yr (#17), Father's TPR (#20) | 1.17.20.1 | #20 - #17 \geq 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.17.20.2 | #20 - #17 < 10 yrs | Error |
| Father's Birth (#17), Legalization (#21) | 1.17.21.1 | #21 - #17 > 10 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.17.21.2 | #21 - #17 \leq 10 yrs | Error |

Table 36. Adoption Consistency Group #1.19

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mother's TPR (#19), Father's TPR (#20) | 1.19.20.1 | -18 yrs < #19 - #20 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.19.20.2 | #20 - #19 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| | 1.19.20.3 | #19 - #20 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#19), Legalization (#21) | 1.19.21.1 | 0 ≤ #21 - #19 < 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.19.21.2 | #19 > #21 | Error |
| | 1.19.21.3 | #21 - #19 ≥ 18 yrs | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#19), Adoptive Mother's Birth Yr (#23) | 1.19.23.1 | #19 - #23 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.19.23.2 | #19 - #23 ≤ 1 yr | Error |
| Mother's TPR (#19), Adoptive Father's Birth Yr (#24) | 1.19.24.1 | #19 - #24 > 1 yr | No Error |
| | 1.19.24.2 | #19 - #24 ≤ 1 yr | Error |

Table 37. Adoption Consistency Group #1.20

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Father's TPR (#20), Legalization (#21) | 1.20.21.1 | $0 \leq \#21 - \#20 < 18 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.21.2 | $\#20 > \#21$ | Error |
| | 1.20.21.3 | $\#21 - \#20 \geq 18 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| Father's TPR (#20), Adoptive Mother's Birth Yr (#23) | 1.20.23.1 | $\#20 - \#23 > 1 \text{ yr}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.23.2 | $\#20 - \#23 \leq 1 \text{ yr}$ | Error |
| Father's TPR (#20), Adoptive Father's Birth Yr (#24) | 1.20.24.1 | $\#20 - \#24 > 1 \text{ yr}$ | No Error |
| | 1.20.24.2 | $\#20 - \#24 \leq 1 \text{ yr}$ | Error |

Table 38. Adoption Consistency Group #1.21

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | Error Status |
|---|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Legalization (#21), Adoptive Mother's Birth Yr (#23) | 1.21.23.1 | #21 - #23 \geq 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.23.2 | #21 - #23 < 18 yrs | Error |
| Legalization (#21), Adoptive Father's Birth Yr (#24) | 1.21.24.1 | #21 - #24 \geq 18 yrs | No Error |
| | 1.21.24.2 | #21 - #24 < 18 yrs | Error |

Table 39. Adoption Consistency Group #1.23

| Involved Elements | Code | Relationship | |
|---|-----------|--|----------|
| Adoptive Mother's Birth Yr (#23), Adoptive Father's Birth Yr (#24) | 1.23.24.1 | $-78 \text{ yrs} \leq \#23 - \#24 \leq 78 \text{ yrs}$ | No Error |
| | 1.23.24.2 | $\#24 - \#23 > 78 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |
| | 1.23.24.3 | $\#23 - \#24 > 78 \text{ yrs}$ | Error |

Adoption Group #2: (marked as "b" or "B" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #04 Title IV-E Agency Involvement
- #31 Adoptive Parent Was Previously Related to the Child as a Foster Parent
- #34 Child Was Placed By
- #35 Is a Subsidy Being Paid on Behalf of the Child

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if element #4 is blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If one or more of the following applies, the answer to the question "Was the title IV-E agency involved in this adoption?" should be yes: 1) adoptive parent was previously related to the child as a foster parent; 2) if the child was placed by a public agency; or 3) if a subsidy is being paid on behalf of the child.

Table 40. Adoption Consistency Group #2

| Condition Code | Title IV-E Agency Involvement (#4) yes, no | Child Placed By (#34) <i>blank/out of range/other than public agency, public agency</i> | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Foster Parent (#31) <i>blank/out of range/not applies, applies</i> | Is Subsidy Being Paid on Behalf of Child (#35) <i>blank/out of range/no, yes</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|----------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| 2.1 | yes | blank/out of range/other | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/no | no error |
| 2.2 | yes | blank/out of range/other | blank/out of range/not applies | yes | no error |
| 2.3 | yes | blank/out of range/other | applies | blank/out of range/no | no error |
| 2.4 | yes | blank/out of range/other | applies | yes | no error |
| 2.5 | yes | public agency | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/no | no error |
| 2.6 | yes | public agency | blank/out of range/not applies | yes | no error |
| 2.7 | yes | public agency | applies | blank/out of range/no | no error |
| 2.8 | yes | public agency | applies | yes | no error |
| 2.9 | no | blank/out of range/other | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/no | no error |
| 2.10 | no | blank/out of range/other | blank/out of range/not applies | yes | #4 |
| 2.11 | no | blank/out of range/other | applies | blank/out of range/no | #4 |

| Condition Code | Title IV-E Agency Involvement (#4) yes, no | Child Placed By (#34) <i>blank/out of range/other than public agency, public agency</i> | Adoptive Parent Previous Related as Foster Parent (#31) <i>blank/out of range/not applies, applies</i> | Is Subsidy Being Paid on Behalf of Child (#35) <i>blank/out of range/no, yes</i> | Error(s) to be marked |
|----------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| 2.12 | no | blank/out of range/other | applies | yes | #4 |
| 2.13 | no | public agency | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/no | #4 |
| 2.14 | no | public agency | blank/out of range/not applies | yes | ** #4 ** |
| 2.15 | no | public agency | applies | blank/out of range/no | #4 |
| 2.16 | no | public agency | applies | yes | ** #4 ** |

Adoption Group #3: (marked as "c" or "C" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #09 Has the Agency Determined if the Child Is Special Needs
- #10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs
- #11 Mental Retardation
- #12 Visually/Hearing Impaired
- #13 Physically Disabled
- #14 Emotionally Disturbed
- #15 Other Medically Diagnosed Condition

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if any of #11-15 are out of range

Principle of Check:

If the answer to the question "Has the agency determined if this child is special needs?" is "yes", then the primary basis for making this determination should be given. If the primary basis is "medical", at least one of the disabilities (#11 - 15) should apply. On the other hand, if a child is indicated as having a type of disability (such as visual or hearing impairment), then the agency would most likely have determined him or her to be special needs (though perhaps for a reason other than medical, such as age or racial group).

Table 41. Adoption Consistency Group #3

| Condition Code | Agency Determined Special Needs? (#9) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Basis for Determining Special Needs (#10) <i>blank/out of range, not applicable, medical, other basis</i> | Types of Disability (#11-15) <i>≥ 1 applies, none apply</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| 3.1 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | ≥1 applies | no error |
| 3.2 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | none apply | no error |
| 3.3 | blank/out of range | not applicable | ≥1 applies | #9-15 |
| 3.4 | blank/out of range | not applicable | none apply | no error |
| 3.5 | blank/out of range | medical | ≥1 applies | no error |
| 3.6 | blank/out of range | medical | none apply | #11-15 |
| 3.7 | blank/out of range | other basis | ≥1 applies | #9 |
| 3.8 | blank/out of range | other basis | none apply | #9 |
| 3.9 | yes | blank/out of range | ≥1 applies | #10 |
| 3.10 | yes | blank/out of range | none apply | #10 |

| Condition Code | Agency Determined Special Needs? (#9) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Basis for Determining Special Needs (#10) <i>blank/out of range, not applicable, medical, other basis</i> | Types of Disability (#11-15) <i>≥ 1 applies, none apply</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 3.11 | yes | not applicable | ≥1 applies | #10 |
| 3.12 | yes | not applicable | none apply | ** #10 ** |
| 3.13 | yes | medical | ≥1 applies | no error |
| 3.14 | yes | medical | none apply | #11-15 |
| 3.15 | yes | other basis | ≥1 applies | no error |
| 3.16 | yes | other basis | none apply | no error |
| 3.17 | no | blank/out of range | ≥1 applies | #9-15 |
| 3.18 | no | blank/out of range | none apply | no error |
| 3.19 | no | not applicable | ≥1 applies | any of #11-15 marked as "applies" |
| 3.20 | no | not applicable | none apply | no error |
| 3.21 | no | medical | ≥1 applies | ** #9 ** |
| 3.22 | no | medical | none apply | ** #10 ** |
| 3.23 | no | other basis | ≥1 applies | no error |
| 3.24 | no | other basis | none apply | ** #9 ** |

Adoption Group #4: (marked as "d" or "D" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #22 Foster Caretaker Family Structure
- #23 Adoptive Mother's Birth Year
- #24 Adoptive Father's Birth Year
- #25a, b, c, d, e, f Adoptive Mother's Race
- #26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic or Latino Origin
- #27a, b, c, d, e, f Adoptive Father's Race
- #28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic or Latino Origin

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

- 1)if #22 is either blank or out of range

Principle of Check:

If the family structure is "married couple" or "unmarried couple" then all of the information should be filled out for both adoptive parents (#23-28). If the family structure is "single female" then all of the information on the adoptive mother (and none of the information on the adoptive father) should be filled out. If the family structure is "single male" then all of the information on the adoptive father (and none of the information on the adoptive mother) should be filled out.

Special Notes:

If any information on an individual adoptive parent is marked as incorrect, it will all be marked as incorrect (e.g., if only the adoptive mother's race and Hispanic or Latino origin information is completed and it is inconsistent, the adoptive mother's birth year will be marked as incorrect as well as the race and Hispanic or Latino origin).

Table 42. Adoption Consistency Group #4

| Condition Code | Adoptive Family Structure (#22) | Adoptive Mother's Info (#23, 25-26) | Adoptive Father's Info (#24, 27-28) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|---|--|--|------------------------|
| | <i>couple, single female, single male</i> | <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | |
| 4.1 | couple | none completed | none completed | #22-26 |
| 4.2 | couple | none completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.3 | couple | none completed | all completed | #22, 23, 25a-f, and 26 |
| 4.4 | couple | some completed | none completed | #22-26 |
| 4.5 | couple | some completed | some completed | #22-26 |

| Condition Code | Adoptive Family Structure (#22) | Adoptive Mother's Info (#23, 25-26) | Adoptive Father's Info (#24, 27-28) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| | <i>couple, single female, single male</i> | <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | <i>none completed, some completed, all completed</i> | |
| 4.6 | couple | some completed | all completed | #22, 23, 25a-f, and 26 |
| 4.7 | couple | all completed | none completed | #22, 24, 27a-f, and 28 |
| 4.8 | couple | all completed | some completed | #22, 24, 27a-f, and 28 |
| 4.9 | couple | all completed | all completed | no error |
| 4.10 | single female | none completed | none completed | #22, 23, 25a-f, and 26 |
| 4.11 | single female | none completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.12 | single female | none completed | all completed | #22-26 |
| 4.13 | single female | some completed | none completed | #22, 23, 25a-f, and 26 |
| 4.14 | single female | some completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.15 | single female | some completed | all completed | #22-26 |
| 4.16 | single female | all completed | none completed | no error |
| 4.17 | single female | all completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.18 | single female | all completed | all completed | #22 |
| 4.19 | single male | none completed | none completed | #22, 24, 27a-f, and 28 |
| 4.20 | single male | none completed | some completed | #22, 24, 27a-f, and 28 |
| 4.21 | single male | none completed | all completed | no error |
| 4.22 | single male | some completed | none completed | #22-26 |
| 4.23 | single male | some completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.24 | single male | some completed | all completed | #22-26 |
| 4.25 | single male | all completed | none completed | #22-26 |
| 4.26 | single male | all completed | some completed | #22-26 |
| 4.27 | single male | all completed | all completed | #22 |

Adoption Group #5: (marked as "e" or "E" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #29 Adoptive Parent Was Previously Related to the Child as a Stepparent
- #30 Adoptive Parent Was Previously Related to the Child as an Other Relative
- #31 Adoptive Parent Was Previously Related to the Child as a Foster Parent
- #32 Adoptive Parent Was Previously Related to the Child as an Other Non-Relative

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

This check will be performed under all conditions.

Principle of Check:

At least one but no more than two of the choices given for the previous relationship of the adoptive parent to the child should be chosen.

Table 43. Adoption Consistency Group #5

| Condition Code | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Stepparent (#29) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Other Relative (#30) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Foster Parent (#31) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Other Non-Relative (#32) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------------|
| | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | |
| 5.1 | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | #29-32 |
| 5.2 | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | no error |
| 5.3 | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.4 | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | applies | no error |
| 5.5 | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.6 | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | no error |
| 5.7 | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.8 | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | applies | applies | #29-32 |
| 5.9 | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.10 | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | no error |

| Condition Code | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Stepparent (#29) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Other Relative (#30) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Foster Parent (#31) | Adoptive Parent Previously Related as Other Non-Relative (#32) | Error(s) to be Marked |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | <i>blank/out of range/not apply, applies</i> | |
| 5.11 | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.12 | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | applies | #29-32 |
| 5.13 | applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | blank/out of range/not applies | no error |
| 5.14 | applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | applies | #29-32 |
| 5.15 | applies | applies | applies | blank/out of range/not applies | #29-32 |
| 5.16 | applies | applies | applies | applies | #29-32 |

Adoption Group #6: (marked as "f" or "F" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #35 Is a Monthly Subsidy Being Paid on Behalf of the Child?
- #36 Amount of Monthly Subsidy
- #37 Is the Child Receiving title IV-E Adoption Assistance?

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

This check will be performed under any conditions.

Principle of Check:

If there is no monthly subsidy being paid on behalf of the child, there should be no monthly amount and the child should not be receiving title IV-E Adoption Assistance. Conversely, if the child is receiving title IV-E Adoption Assistance, there should be a monthly amount and there should be a monthly subsidy being paid on behalf of the child. However, there can be a monthly amount and a subsidy being paid on behalf of the child and the child could *not* be receiving title IV-E Adoption Assistance.

Table 44. Adoption Consistency Group #6

| Condition Code | Is Monthly Subsidy Being Paid (#35) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Monthly Amount (#36) <i>blank/out of range, 0, >0</i> | Is Child Receiving IV-E Adoption Assistance (#37) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| 6.1 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #35-37 |
| 6.2 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | yes | #37 |
| 6.3 | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no | #35 |
| 6.4 | blank/out of range | 0 | blank/out of range | #35 |
| 6.5 | blank/out of range | 0 | yes | #35-37 |
| 6.6 | blank/out of range | 0 | no | #35 |
| 6.7 | blank/out of range | >0 | blank/out of range | #35 |
| 6.8 | blank/out of range | >0 | yes | #35 |
| 6.9 | blank/out of range | >0 | no | #35 |
| 6.10 | yes | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | #36 |
| 6.11 | yes | blank/out of range | yes | #36 |
| 6.12 | yes | blank/out of range | no | #36 |
| 6.13 | yes | 0 | blank/out of range | ** #36 ** |
| 6.14 | yes | 0 | yes | ** #36 ** |
| 6.15 | yes | 0 | no | #35-37 |

| Condition Code | Is Monthly Subsidy Being Paid (#35) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Monthly Amount (#36) <i>blank/out of range, 0, >0</i> | Is Child Receiving IV-E Adoption Assistance (#37) <i>blank/out of range, yes, no</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| 6.16 | yes | >0 | blank/out of range | #37 |
| 6.17 | yes | >0 | yes | no error |
| 6.18 | yes | >0 | no | no error |
| 6.19 | no | blank/out of range | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.20 | no | blank/out of range | yes | ** #35 ** |
| 6.21 | no | blank/out of range | no | no error |
| 6.22 | no | 0 | blank/out of range | no error |
| 6.23 | no | 0 | yes | ** #35 ** |
| 6.24 | no | 0 | no | no error |
| 6.25 | no | >0 | blank/out of range | #35-37 |
| 6.26 | no | >0 | yes | ** #35 ** |
| 6.27 | no | >0 | no | #36 |

Adoption Group #7: (marked as "g" or "G" in the Detailed Data Quality report)

Elements Involved:

- #7a, b, c, d, e, f Child's Race
- #25a, b, c, d, e, f Adoptive Mother's Race
- #27a, b, c, d, e, f Adoptive Father's Race

Conditions under Which Check is Not Performed:

1)for each element, if #a-f are all blanks, out of range, or a combination of blank and out of range data

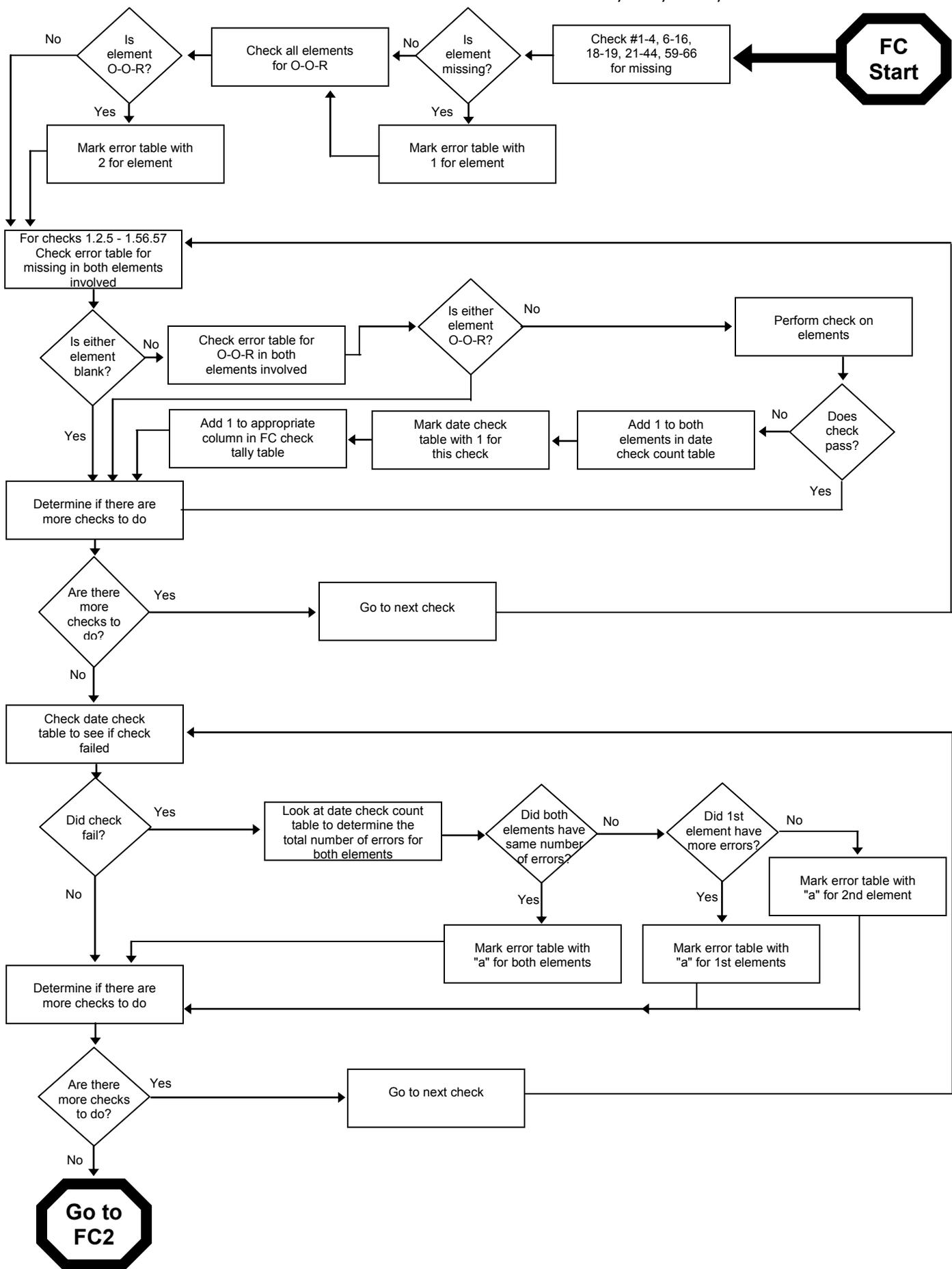
Principle of Check:

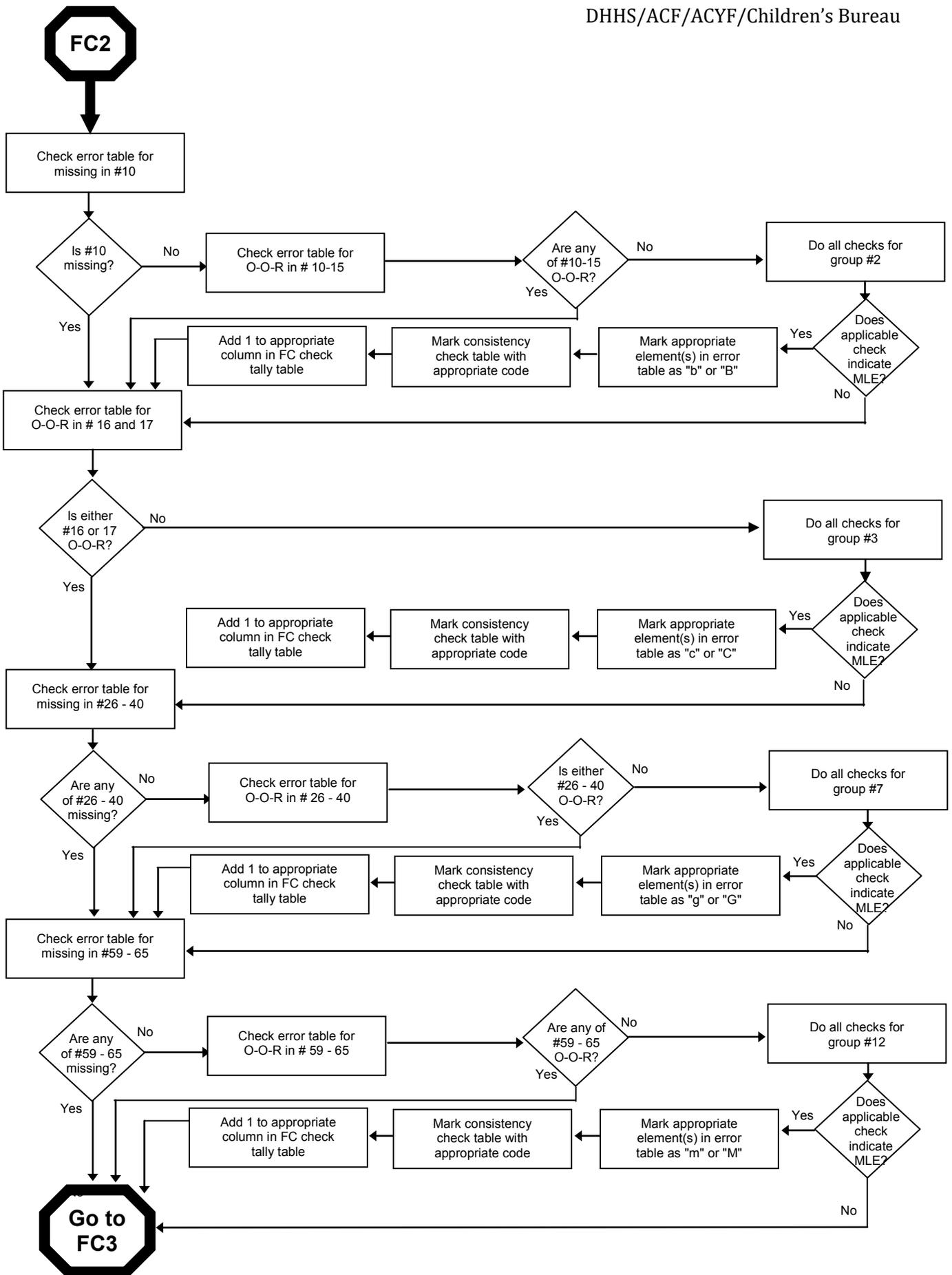
For each race element (#7, #25, #27), if at least one race category ('a' – 'e') applies, then "Unable to Determine" ('f') should not apply. For each race element, if "Unable to Determine" ('f') applies, then no race category should apply.

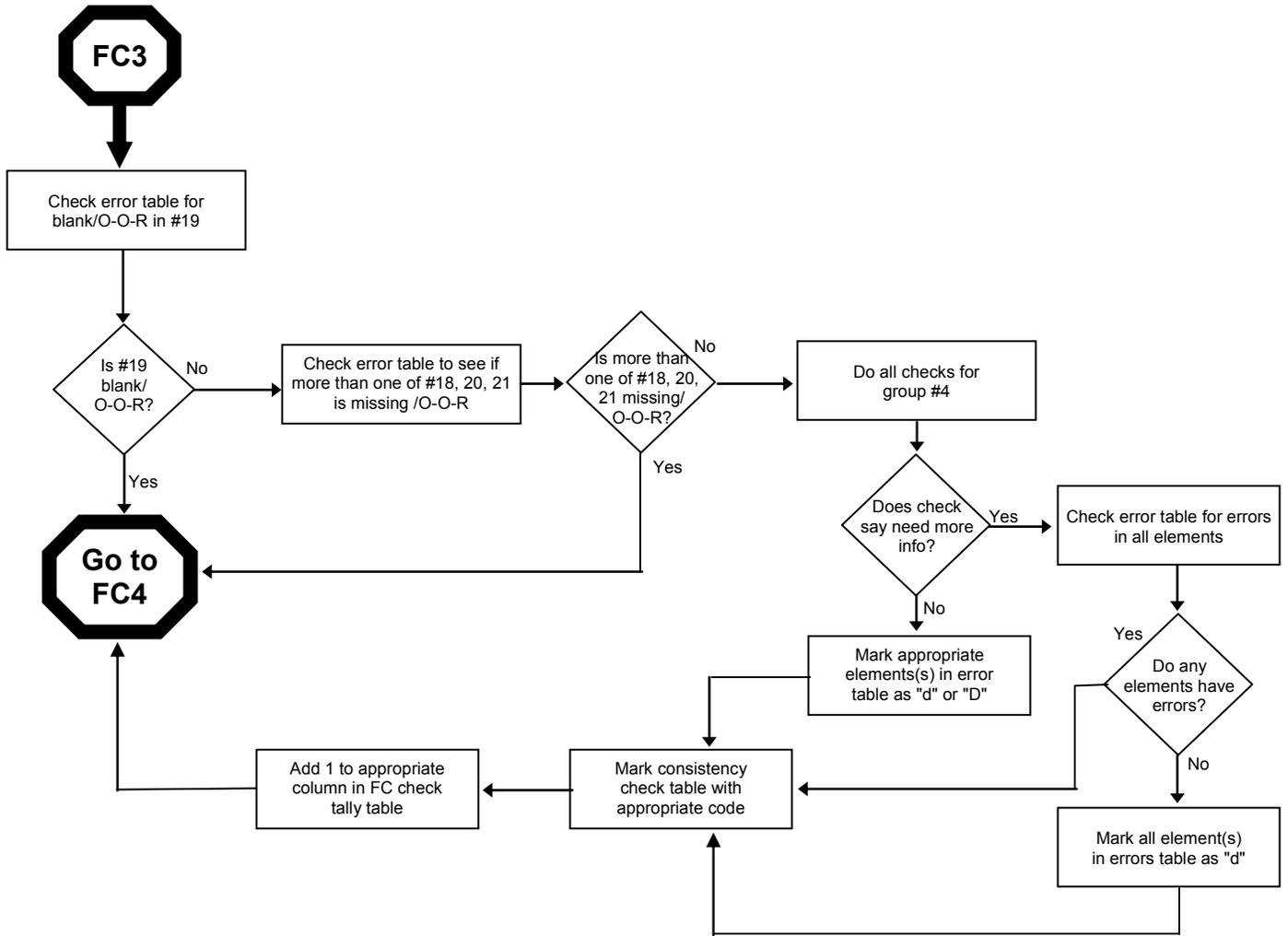
Table 45. Adoption Group #7

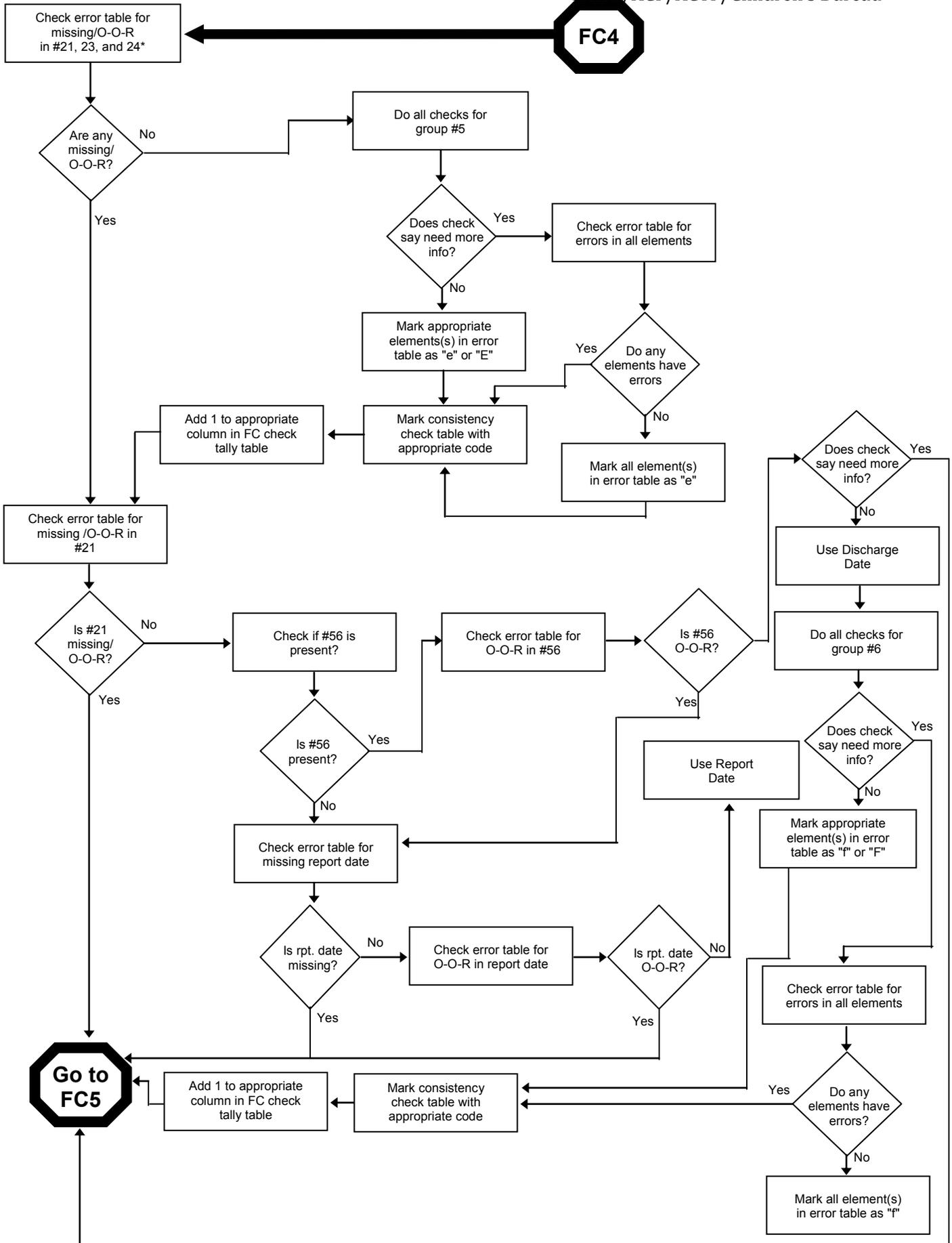
| Condition Code | American Indian or Alaska Native (#a), Asian (#b), Black or African American (#c), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (#d), White (#e) <i>none apply, at least one applies</i> | Unable to Determine (#f) <i>blank/out of range, does not apply, applies</i> | Error(s) to be Marked |
|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 7.1 | none apply | does not apply | #a-f |
| 7.2 | none apply | applies | no error |
| 7.3 | at least one applies | blank/out of range | no error |
| 7.4 | at least one applies | does not apply | no error |
| 7.5 | at least one applies | applies | #f |

Appendix A:
Data Quality Utility Processing Logic

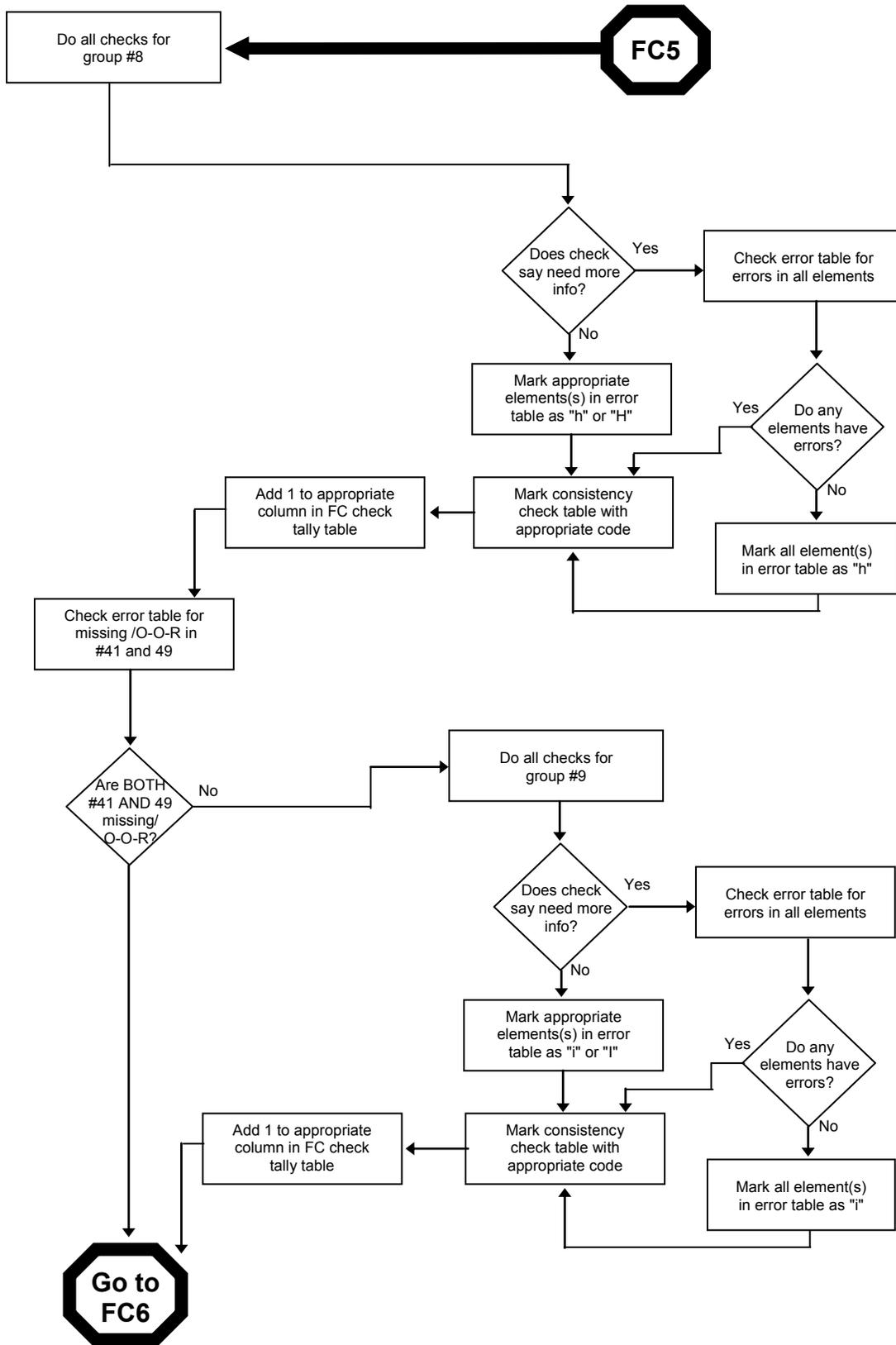


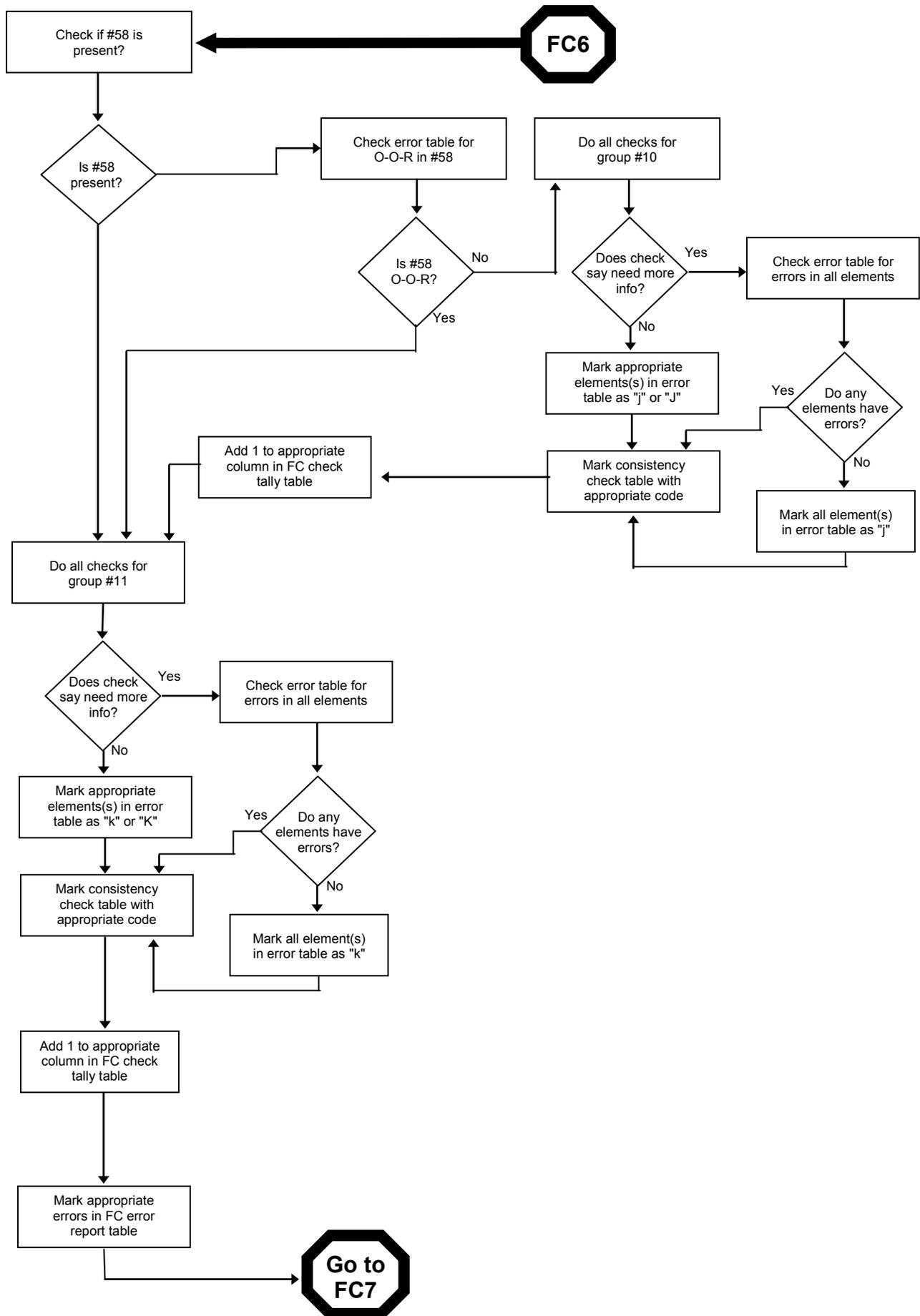


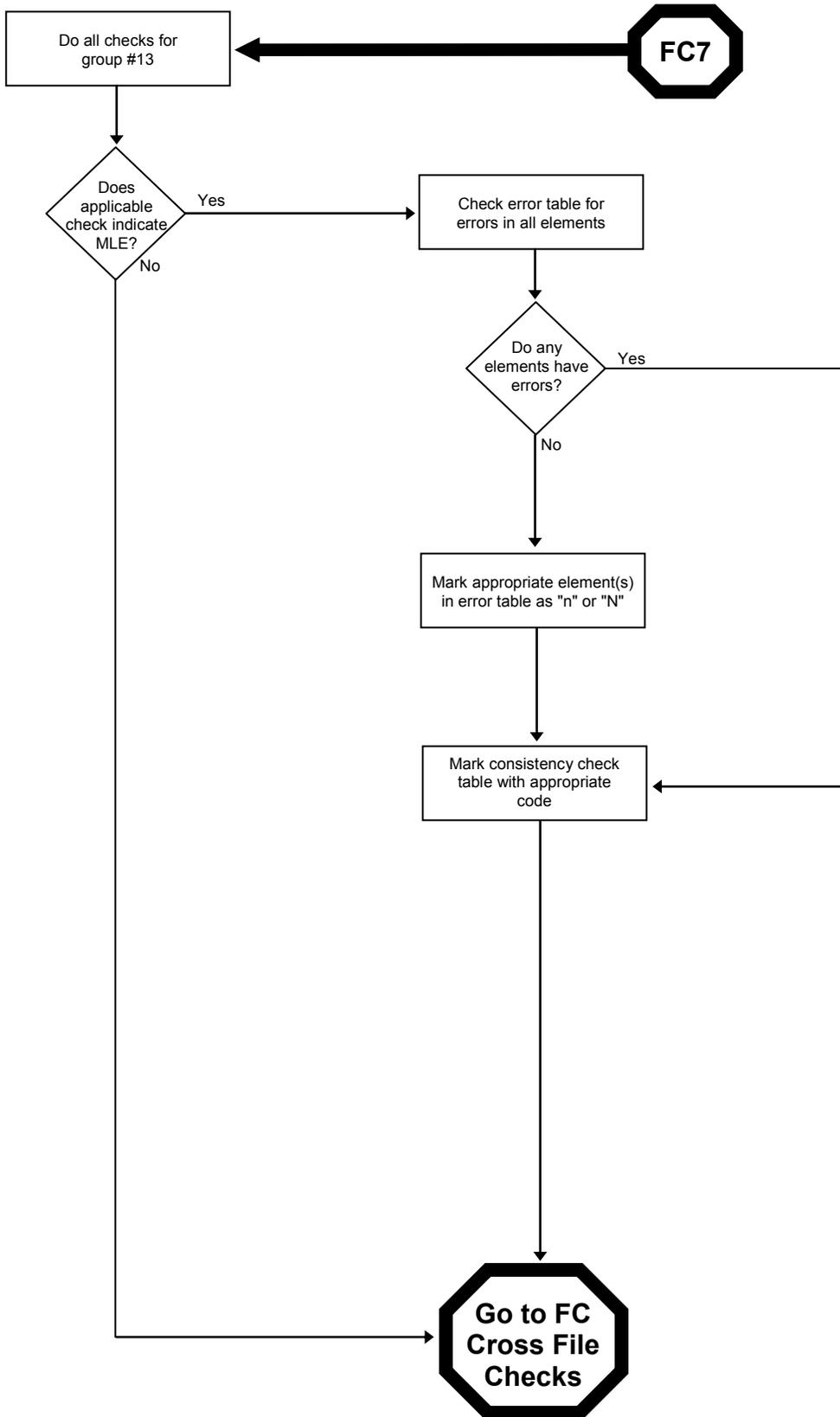




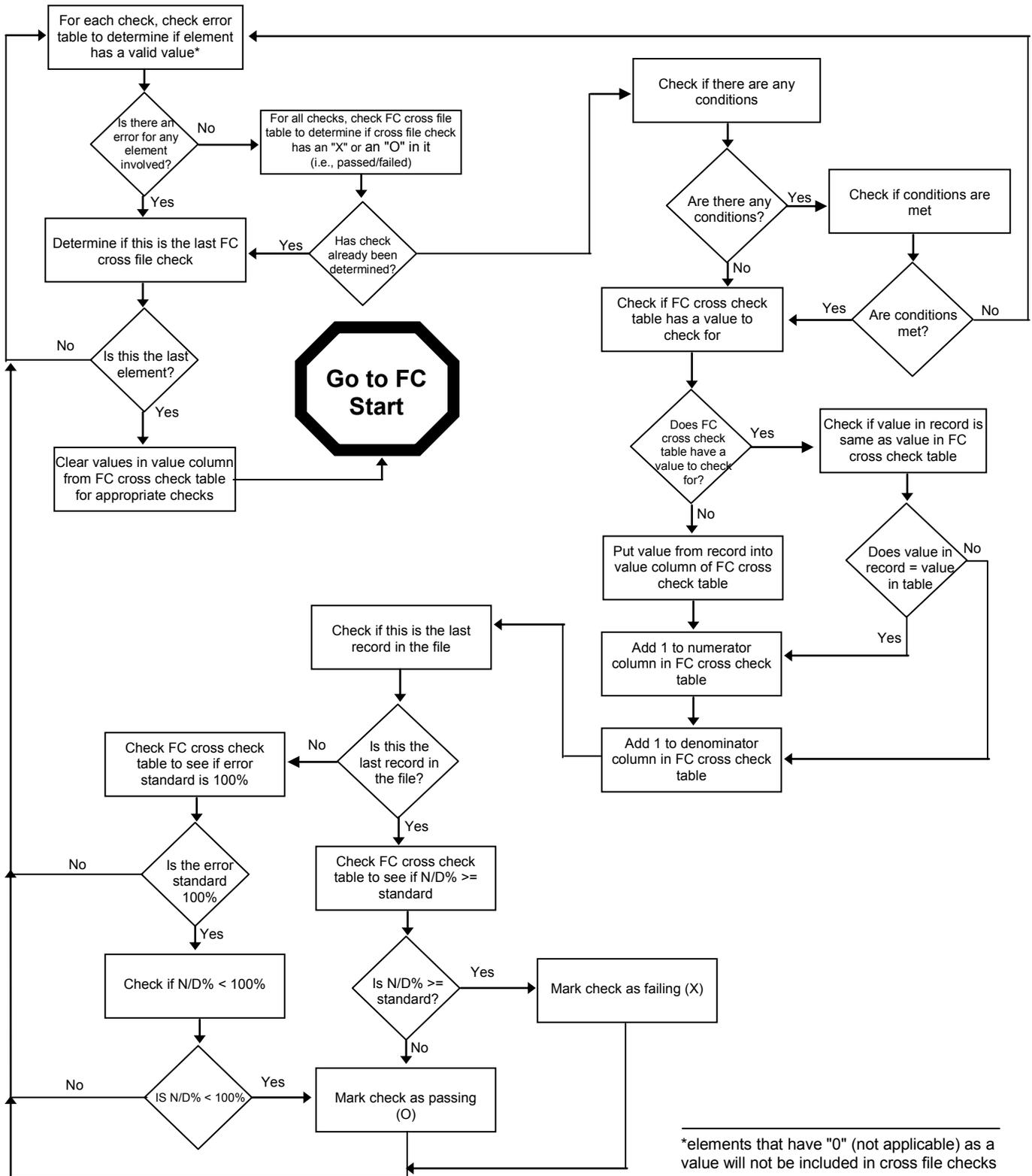
*For purposes of this check, do not consider #24 as O-O-R if it equals "00"



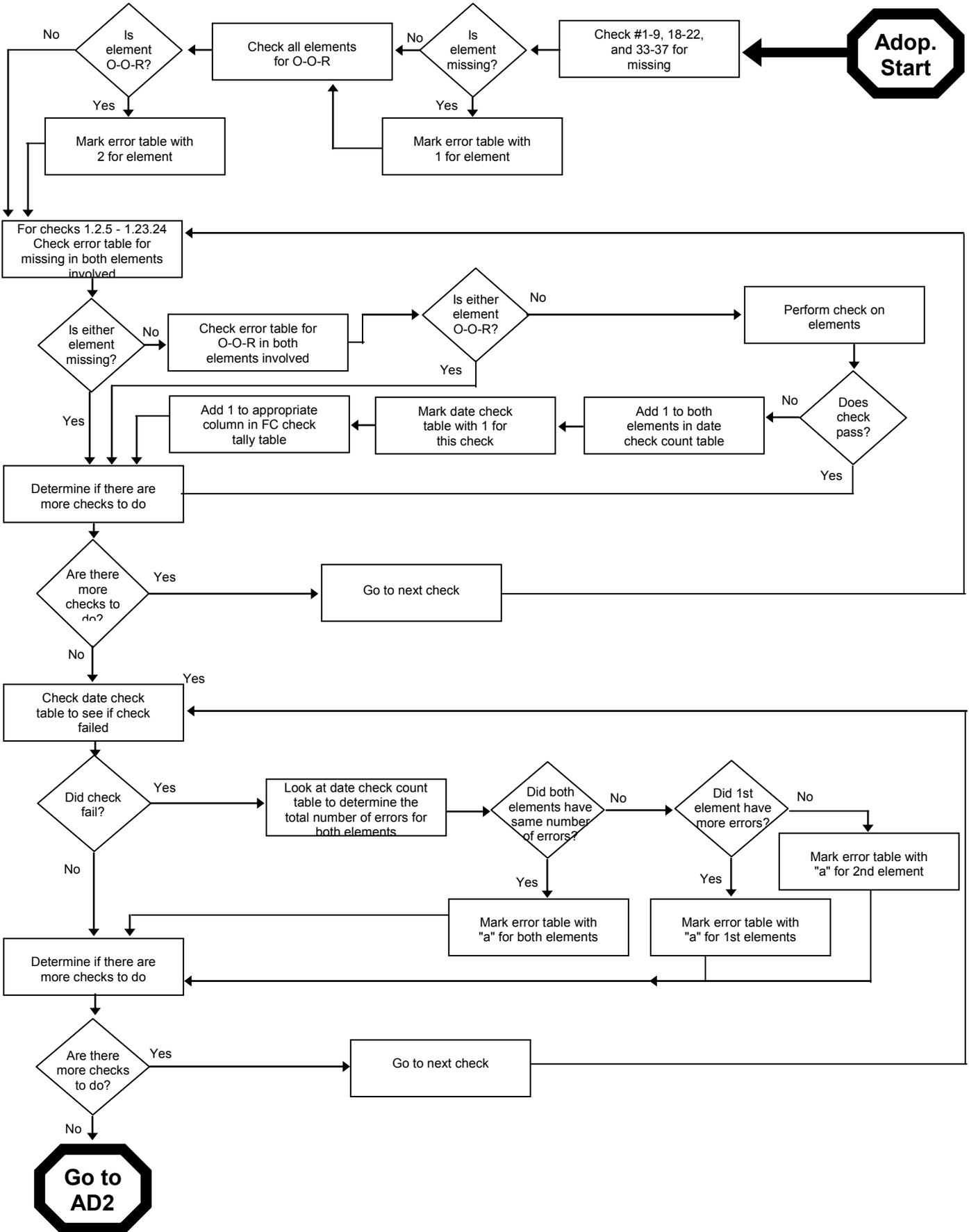


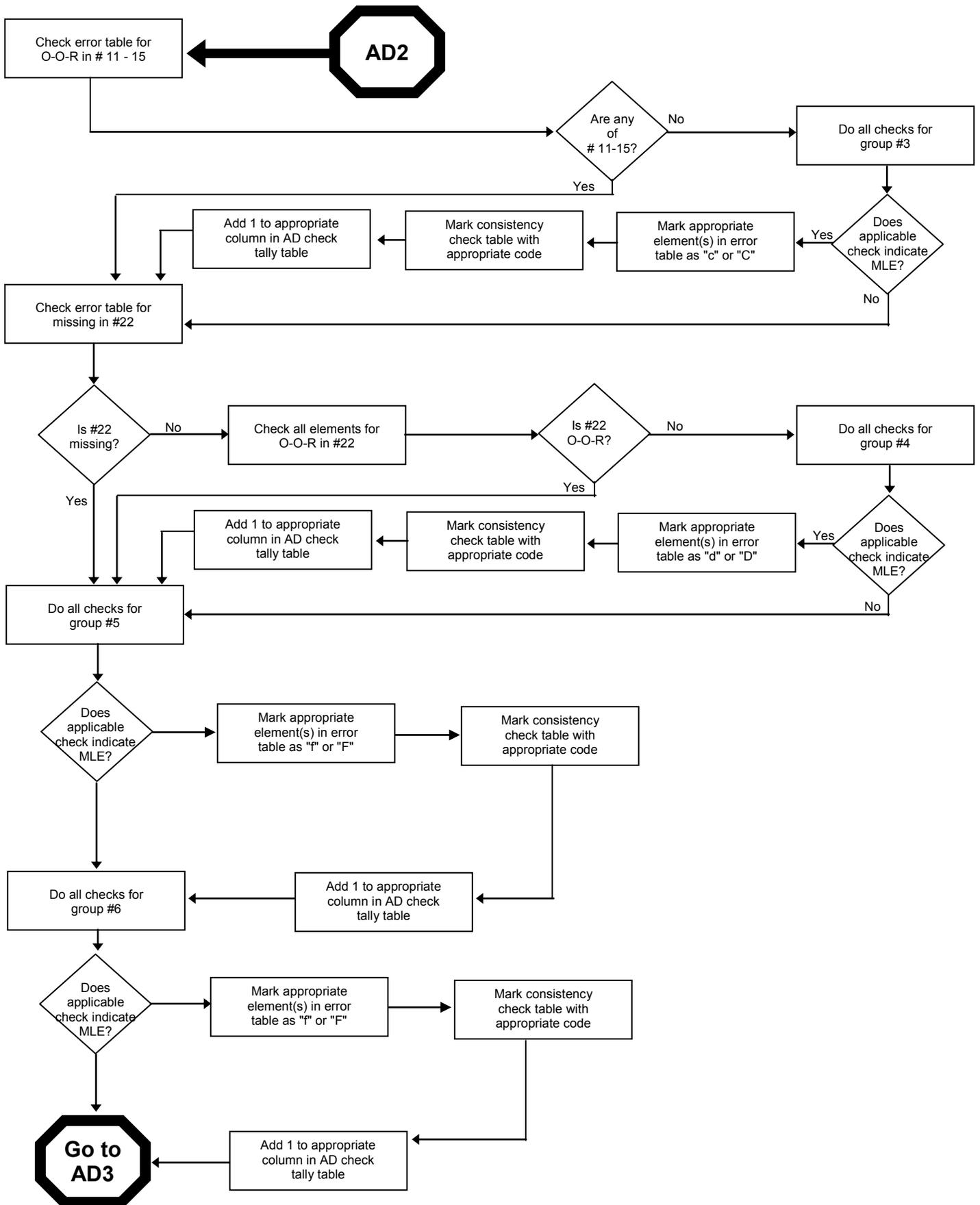


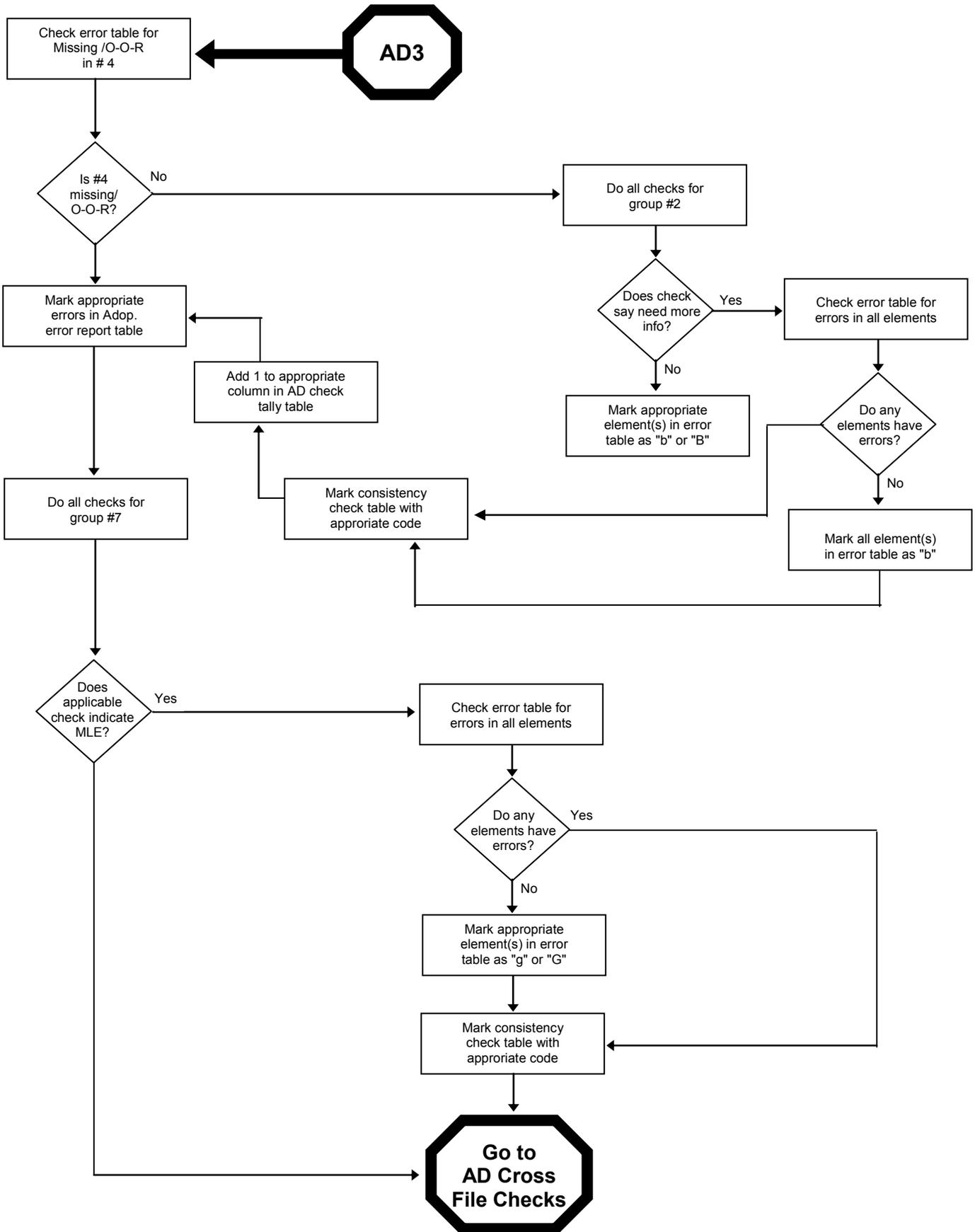
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*elements that have "0" (not applicable) as a value will not be included in cross file checks







Adoption Cross File Checks

