Florida Did Not Comply With Requirements for Documenting Psychotropic and Opioid Medications Prescribed for Children in Foster Care

What OIG Found
Florida did not always comply with State requirements related to the psychotropic and opioid medications prescribed for children in foster care who were eligible for assistance under the Act. Specifically, for the 85 sample children who were prescribed psychotropic drugs we found: (1) the psychotropic medications prescribed for 36 children were not recorded in FSFN, (2) the medication logs for 56 children were not maintained in FSFN, and (3) the authorization for prescription of psychotropic medications for 33 children were not contained in FSFN. In addition, we found the opioid medications prescribed for 57 of the 60 children in the sample were not recorded in FSFN.

What OIG Recommends and Florida Comments
We recommend that Florida: (1) provide training to child protective investigators and caseworkers on medication management and administration that addresses requirements for updating case records in FSFN for children who are prescribed psychotropic medications (including related medication logs and authorizations) and opioid medications and (2) coordinate with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration to obtain access to Medicaid claim data for all children under its care and supervision.

Florida elected not to provide comments on the draft report.

The full report can be found at https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region5/52200009.asp.