

CHIPS Time Constraints

TPC HEARING – 48 HOURS

A hearing must be held for a child held in custody within 48 hours of taking the child in custody, excluding Saturday, Sundays, and holidays. See §48.21(1)(a).

CHIPS PETITION – 72 HOURS

If a petition has not been filed by the time of the hearing for temporary placement, it must be filed within 72 hours from the time of the hearing. See §48.21(1)(b).

PLEA HEARING – 10 or 30 DAYS

A plea hearing must take place within 30 days of the filing of a petition, but within 10 days if child in secure custody. See §48.30(1) and §48.30(9).

FACT-FINDING HEARING – 30 DAYS

A fact-finding hearing must take place within 30 days after the plea hearing if the petition IS contested. See §48.30(7).

DISPOSTIONAL HEARING – 30 DAYS

If the fact-finding hearing results in a finding that the child is in need of protection or services, a dispositional hearing must take place within 30 days after the fact-finding hearing. See §48.31(7)(a).

A dispositional hearing must take place within 30 days after the plea hearing if the petition IS NOT contested. See §48.30(6)(a).

EMERGENCY CHANGE IN PLACEMENT HEARINGS – 48 HOURS

An emergency in-home to out-of-home change in placement hearing must be held within 48 hours after the removal, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. See § 48.357(2)(b).

TRIAL REUNIFICATION ORDER – 7 to 150 DAYS

An order for a trial reunification must be for a period of not less than 7 days and not more than 150 days. Initial orders for less than 150 days can be extended but the total trial reunification period cannot exceed 150 total days. See §48.358.

PERMANENCY PLANNING – 60 DAYS

Permanency plan must be filed within 60 days from date the child first removed from home. See §48.38(3).

Permanency plan must be reviewed by court or panel within 6 months after child first removed from home and every 6 months thereafter for as long as child is placed outside home. See §48.38(5)(a).

Within 12 months after child first removed from home and every 12 months thereafter for as long as child is placed outside the home, court shall conduct a permanency hearing under §48.38(5m). See §48.38(5)(a) and §48.38(5m)(a).