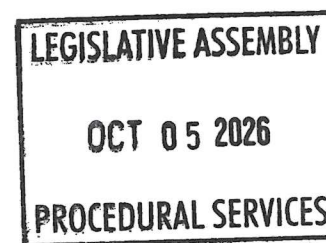


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Chapter 7, Social Services, 2026 Report Volume 1 – Monitoring Group Homes Providing Care to Children

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New: 4.5 Risk-Based Plans Needed for Detailed Reviews of Homes (1) We recommended the Ministry of Social Services use a risk-based approach for conducting its detailed reviews at group homes caring for children to confirm quality of care provided.	127	Not Implemented	- Child and Family Programs (CFP) has reviewed risk assessment processes used by other ministry program areas to inform development of a CFP-specific approach. - Initiated a jurisdictional scan to identify leading practices for risk-based review planning. - Initiated development of a centralized tool to support implementation of a risk-based approach.	- Develop and implement a risk-based approach to support detailed reviews. - Incorporate information from allegations, investigations, review and licensing data into review planning.	December 2026
New: 4.6.3 Findings Adequately Documented but Not Reported Timely (2) We recommended the Ministry of Social Services issue detailed review findings reports to group homes caring for children within a reasonably set timeframe.	130	Not Implemented	- Strengthened review capacity through dedicated resources, including positions focused on intake, protocol homes, reviews, and action plan monitoring. - Implemented status and progress reporting mechanisms to support review tracking, performance monitoring, and ongoing oversight.	- Establish service standards and annual review targets to support timely completion and reporting of reviews. - Continue streamlining the review report process and reduce report turnaround times.	November 2026



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New: 4.8 Status of Action Plans from Detailed Reviews Not Tracked (3) We recommended the Ministry of Social Services track the implementation status of corrective action plans to confirm group homes caring for children address non-compliance issues identified during detailed reviews.	132	Not Implemented	- Reviewed existing tracking processes and identified enhancements to strengthen monitoring of corrective action plans. - Initiated development of a centralized tool to track recommendations and corrective action plans.	- Enhance existing tracking to include recommendation/corrective action status, timeframes, and due dates. - Establish processes for monitoring and addressing overdue corrective actions.	November 2026
New: 4.11 Enhanced Analysis of Key Information for Group Homes Needed (4) We recommended the Ministry of Social Services analyze key information (e.g., serious incidents, serious complaints investigated, deficiencies identified during detailed reviews) related to group homes caring for children	138	Not Implemented	- Initiated assessment of information currently collected by CFP teams that work with group homes to identify data requiring further analysis. - Initiated development of a centralized tool to support tracking and analysis of information related to group home oversight.	- Implement a centralized approach for tracking, analyzing, and sharing information. - Establish quarterly reviews of oversight information to review/discuss developing concerns, share data and analyze trends.	November 2026

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New: 4.12 Central Tracking of Monitoring Results Needed (5) We recommended the Ministry of Social Services centrally track key information (e.g., licensing, detailed reviews, serious incidents, serious complaints) related to group homes caring for children.	138	Not Implemented	- Initiated assessment of key information maintained by CFP teams involved in group home oversight to identify central tracking requirements. - Initiated development of a centralized tool to support tracking and sharing of information related to group home oversight.	- Implement a centralized approach for tracking and sharing key group home oversight information. - Establish quarterly reviews to support information sharing and coordinated responses across CFP teams involved in group home oversight.	November 2026

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Chapter 23, Social Services, 2026 Report Volume 1 – Delivering the Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) Program

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Outstanding: 3.2 Service Standards Updated but More Timely Initial Planning Meetings Needed We recommended the Ministry of Social Services establish a reasonable timeframe for completing initial planning meetings with those clients requiring case management supports in the Saskatchewan Income Support Program. (2023 Report – Volume 1, p. 116, Recommendation 2: Public Accounts Committee agreement January 22, 2025) Status –Partially Implemented	244	Implemented	- Implemented a work plan to strengthen timely client engagement, including scheduling Initial Planning Meetings (IPMs), conducting follow-ups, tracking progress toward case plan goals, and monitoring referrals. - Implemented a 30-day service standard for scheduling IPMs for Service Level 3 and 4 clients and developed a report for tracking this information. - Provided spotlight training sessions for staff, focused on client engagement, Motivational Interviewing, and Service Standards. - Review metrics monthly to monitor performance.	The ministry considers this recommendation implemented.	N/A

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Outstanding: 3.3 Targets Not Yet Established for New Performance Measures We recommended the Ministry of Social Services implement further performance measures in assessing the effectiveness of the Saskatchewan Income Support Program. (2023 Report – Volume 1, p. 121, Recommendation 5; Public Accounts Committee agreement January 22, 2025) Status – Partially Implemented	246	Implemented	- The two SIS performance measures recommended by the Provincial Auditor regarding client recidivism and client tenure were fully implemented in 2024-25 and targets have now been established for both measures. They are now publicly reported in the ministry's annual report. - The ministry continues to use these measures to evaluate program effectiveness and support evidence-based program planning and decision making.	This recommendation is considered implemented.	N/A

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Chapter 7, Social Services, 2025 Report Volume 2 – Social Services

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Outstanding: 4.1 Inconsistent Recording and Recovery of Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) Overpayments We recommended the Ministry of Social Services record and recover overpayments related to its Saskatchewan Income Support Program in a timely manner. (2020 Report-Volume 2, p. 95, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement March 2, 2022) Status – Partially Implemented	49	Implemented	• The ministry developed and implemented a Provincial Audit Improvement Strategy which focused on areas requiring improvements, including ensuring overpayments are recorded and recovered in a timely manner. • Completed a targeted review of SIS cases with an overpayment to ensure overpayment recovery had been established. • Developed and implemented training for staff on entering and recovering overpayments in the system. • Implemented additional system functionality that enables overpayments to be transferred and recovered across cases. • Established a specialized overpayment team to review SIS overpayments, ensure appropriate client notification is issued, verify overpayment accuracy, and establish recovery in accordance with ministry procedures.	• The ministry considers this recommendation fully implemented.	N/A

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Outstanding: 4.5 Lack of Transparency Continues as No Changes in Public Reporting We recommended the Ministry of Social Services work with the Ministry of Finance to consider how to publicly report payments made to vendors on behalf of income assistance and child and family programs' clients. (2024 Report – Volume 2, p. 64, Recommendation 4; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 15, 2025) Status – Not Implemented	54	Not Implemented	- The ministry worked collaboratively with the Provincial Comptroller's Office to determine viable options for enhancements to its vendor reporting. - Starting with the 2025-26 Public Accounts reporting, the ministry will implement a phased approach to supplemental reporting of income assistance and child and family programs' vendors through the Public Accounts Volume 2 Compendium. Going forward, this reporting will supplement the payee information disclosed in Public Accounts Volume 2.	- The ministry will prepare and publish supplemental reporting for SIS and Child and Family Services in the 2025-26 Public Accounts Volume 2 Compendium. - The ministry is currently migrating Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) from a legacy system to a modern IT solution. SAID vendor reporting will be incorporated into the Public Accounts Volume 2 Compendium following the first full fiscal year of operation in the new platform.	Fall 2026 for SIS and Child and Family Services vendor reporting; Fall 2028 for SAID vendor reporting.